THE TIMES

Russia attacks American race for arms superiority

The Soviet Union has delivered a stinging attack on the Reagan Administration, accusing it of encouraging the growth of international tension. An article in "Pravda" gave a warning that the "unprecedented super-arming" of the United States posed a danger not only to communist countries but also to West Europe.

Danger of increase in world tension'

Moscow, March 25

The Russians today accused the Reagan Administration of indulging in an orgy of militury spending, but gave a warning that the Soviet Union would not allow the Americans to achieve military superiority.

In the most comprehensive attack on American policy since President Reagan took office, the Soviet leaders accused the Administration of deliberately multiplying the errors of its predecessors. They said that President Carter's Government and done "pernicious things" o poison the international itmosphere, but the Reagan duninistration was bent not on essening but encouraging the trowth of international tension.

A long and sharply worded rticle in Pravda, signed with pseudonym reserved for authoritative statements of Soviet plicy, said that Washington ad plunged the United States nto an "unprecedented" arms ace, which could be explained nly by a striving for military uperiority.

But it added that the American leaders themselves, includ-

ig Mr Alexander Haig, the ecretary of State, admitted tat there was no threat to merican security. Both they nd the specialists from the relief Ministry of Defence had included that there was still a rugh balance between the Naco There was no evidence. randa went on, that this would on change into Russian super-

"As it has already been thoritatively stated more an once by the leaders of the wiet Union, our country does it strive for the attainment of ry potential of the Soviet nion does not exceed the ouirements of necessary stence, this being in full cord with the defensive ture of the Soviet military

octrine. The real military threat bangg over America came not the mythical Soviet periority but from the arms ce itself. And Pravda cited estern reports of American armament plans which, it id, were creating the precon-tions for the Pentagon's mili-

La judges

oyalty oath

Islamabad, March 25.—At ist eight senior judges in kistan lost their jobs today for refusing to take a new

th of office giving President

a ul-Haq complete freedom change the country's consti-tion, court officials said.

They included Mr Justice war ul-Haq, the Chief Jus-

e, and two other Supreme

urt judges, they said. At 1st six provincial high court

iges were also absent from take the new oath and were

The judges were required to

ear a new oath under a gov-ment decree which in effect

rogated Pakistan's 1973 con-tution and replaced it with

rigid code restricting the wer of the civil courts and

posing strict limits on poli-

al activity. The order proscribed all but

ew right-wing religious par-

igments dealing with the ality of the martial law ministration and provided

a nominated Parliament to

known as a Federal Council.

n separate letters to General

, the chief Justice of the

reme Court and Mr Justice rab Patel and Mr Justice chruddin Ibrahim said they

re bound by their conscience

Ir Justice Anwar presided

r the appeals by Mr Bhurto,

nister. Mr Justice Patel was ong the three judges who losed the death sentence.

executed former Prime

efuse

tary strategy. This "unprece-dented super-arming" of the United States was an attempt to create superiority in all categories of weapons.

Pravda gave a warning that fulfilment of these plans posed a danger not only to the com-munist countries, but also to western Europe. "When an attempt is made in the biggest capitalist country to remove the brakes that presented brakes that prevented an up-bridled arms race, then danger hangs over the whole of man-kind."

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But military superiority nowa
was unobtainable, "The days was unobtainable. "The Soviet Union will not allow the creation of such a superiority

over it."

The long article, written as Mr Anatoly Dobrynin, the Soviet Ambassador in Washington, had a lengthy talk with Mr Haig, asserted that the Russians did genuinely want normal relations with America. "There is simply no other sensible way " for the good of their two countries. The paper repeated President Brezhnev's remark at the recent party congress that these relations also had an important effect on the whole world situation. whole world situation.

For their part the Russians were pursuing a "principled and constructive line" in relations with America. "We would like to hope that those who today shape America's policy will be able in the long run to look at matters more realistically."

Citing American declarations of support for the Aighan in-surgents, the junta in El Salvador and the Unita guerrillas in Angola, it said that as a result of Washington's "pro-vocative" actions new flash-points were appearing in various continents.

Returning to the accusations made against President Carter, the article said it had become fashionable in America to show a slighting attitude to generally accepted rules of inter-state relations. And just as the former President had frozen bilateral talks and ratification of the Salt treaty limiting strate-gic arms, the White House was now doing the same. "State-ments about intention to link this burning issue of our time lege, London, has been post-with other debatable problems have nothing good in store." lege, London, has been post-poned, pending further discus-sions.



Mr John Willis (second from right) directing the bidding at a nearempty Chichester Market yesterday. Many farmers stayed away for fear of foot-and-mouth disease. (Report, page 3).

schools to be merged

Westminster Hospital medical school is to be merged with the Charing Cross, and about 180 medical teaching jobs are to be cut from London's medical schools as a result of a farreaching reorganization of medical education approved yesterday by the senate of London

The Westminster which last year staved off proposals to close it, is to merge with the Charing Cross, the joint school to be based at the Charing Cross site in Fulham. The de-cision appears to mean that the Westminster has lost its fight

for independence. In addition, the senate approved decisions that will mean that the equivalent of two preclinical schools and one clinical school will also close. But the decision on which parts of St Mary's and the Middlesex will close, and whether the London Hospital pre-clinical will close or be merged in a new development with St Bartholomew's Hospital and Queen Mary Col-

Mrs Knight said it was "a

Last year a letter bomb addressed to Mr Frank Allaun, the Labour MP for Salford, East, slipped through the Commons sorting office net and found its way to the MP's home, where his wife became suspicious and called police. bomb experts to deal with it.

master explained that Mr Harry Hirons the duty sorter, who was working alone early yesterday morning, became suspicious of

Two medical Unknown group claims it sent bomb to MP

A letter claiming responsi-bility for a letter bomb deliv-ered to an MP was received yesterday afternoon at the London office of The Sun newspaper. It was signed with the initials "ERA", a code unknown to Scotland Yard, The bomb, addressed to Mrs Jill Knight, Conservative MP for Birmingham, Edgbaston, was intercepted in the Palace

of Westminster sorting office and rendered harmless early Explosives experts who were

called in to deal with the device said the package, which mea-sured 19 inches by 12 inches, resembled the one addressed to the Prime Minister and which was spotted in the Victoria sorting office last January.

The bomb, which was con-cealed in a padded bag, was examined by the Scotland Yard bomb disposal unit. The initial reaction of officers

was that it was probably meant to maim rather than kill.

very masty bomb " that had been designed to blow up in ber face. he added that it was made of she added that it was made or glass and "was made to disfigure me, but could easily have killed me". She had not seen the bomb but was "terribly indebted to whoever found it". The MP added that the sorter must have been very sharp and she was concerned that he had risked injury.

The House of Commons post-

the package addressed to Mrs Knight. Mr Hirons immediately telephoned the police and the bomb disposal officers arrived

He said : "We are always on the lookout for this sort of thing. Most parcels we receive of this sort are properly typed with the name of the firm on the back, but this had none of that. Then I noticed a copper wire sticking through one of the perforated holes in the package. I could feel that the wire went right along the par-cel." The police told Mr firens to remain calm and he put the package at one end of the sorting office and continued with his work at the other.

I am used to this sort of thing. This is the seventh letter bomb I have reported though the others were hoaxes."

recently complained in the Commons of the use of taxpayers' money to fund visits to IRA prisoners by their families.)



Mrs Knight: "It could easily have killed."

Sir Roger Hollis was cleared of spying, Mrs Thatcher told

moved the last remaining ob-stacles to Blunt's confessions." He would not be drawn on the name, although he claimed to know it, but he indicated the

man had reached a very high level in the Security Service. Mr West said: "Pincher was right in saying there was a

senior Soviet agent operating throughout the 1940s and 1950s.

throughout the 1940s and 1950s. He named the wrong man."

Mr West added that the agent warned Professor Blunt that Mr Maclean was to be interviewed in 1951 and that that led to Mr Maclean's and Mr Guy Burgess's defections. The man's death in 1963 freed Professor Blunt to make his confession to Mis in

make his confession to MIS in

"Hollis went to considerable lengths to establish the truth of the 1951 defections", Mr West said. "Furthermore, the Secur-

ity Service went to the un-precedented point of opening

precedented point of opening their files to an outsider [Lord Trend, former Secretary of the Cabinet] so the details of the investigation could be checked.

"The report that followed was shown to the Prime Minister of the day [Sir Harold Wilson] for his approval. This arrangement was designed to

arrangement was designed to protect the Security Service from any misinformed accusations of a "cover-up".

Some of Mr West's details of

until his death in 1963, Mr West said the credibility

of his arguments rested on more than three years' research

I think there's

By Peter Hennessy, Craig Seton and Stewart Tendler The Prime Minister has been

told that the late Sir Roger Hollis, a former head of MIS, was investigated as a possible Soviet spy but cleared, according to highly placed intelligence and political sources

gence and political sources yesterday.

Als Margaret Thatcher is to make a statement in the Commons today on the case after allegations by Mr Chapman Pincher earlier this week that Sir Roger, Director-General of the counter-estionage service the counter-espionage service from 1956 to 1965 was interrogared about suspicions that he spied for the Soviet Union.

spied for the Soviet Union.

Sir Roger, according to the sources, came under suspicion because of the circumstances surrounding his mission to Ottown to interview Mr Igor Gouzenko, a Soviet cypher expert who defected [details, page 6]. One well-placed member of the intelligence community said those circummunity said those circum-stances were the only cause for suspicion about him.

It was learnt yesterday by The Times that the investi-gation in the late 1960s and early 1970s, after Sir Roger had retired, into Soviet penehad retired, into Soviet pene-tration of the British security and intelligence services pro-duced three names. They were Mr Kim Philby, who defected in 1963; Professor Anthony Blunt, who confessed in 1964, and Sir Roger. In the Gouzenko case Sir Roger was thought to have failed to have made maximum use of the information offered

failed to have made maximum use of the information offered. But Mr Gouzenko's evidence led in fact to the discovery of spy rings in the United States, Canada, and Britain. The evidence against Sir Roger is reported to have been circumstantial. The assumption that his habit of working lare that his habit of working late at the office, long after the departure of other staff, had a sinister motive was denied. He was said to have been totally dedicated to the service and to have been always determined to complete the day's work before going home.

It was also assumed that his It was also assumed that his unhappy first marriage and his

relationship with his secretary, whom he later married, were further reasons for his apparrent zeal. Support for Sir Roger's

innocence also came yesterday from Mr Nigel West, author of a forthcoming book on the history of MIS. He told The Times there was

a Soviet agent inside MT5 during the period between 1940 and 1963. "He was not Roger Hollis, although Sir Roger went through a very thorough check along with all the rest of the senior MIS management", Mr West said. "The 'mole' in fact

Why the British are a nation of fiddlers

By Frances Williams Britain is a nation of cheats, fiddlers and petty pillerers, out to do down employers, custo-mers and the taxman alike, if a new book our today is to be believed. At the same time, we are caring, altruistic and self-reliant, always ready to give a neighbour a helping hand or to devote our energies to

serving the community. What all these activities have in common is that they are part of what is variously called the black, hidden or informal economy, an economy in which almost all of us participate to a greater or lesser extent.

Hands up all those who can solemnly swear that they have never used the office telephone for a personal cell or pocketed the odd ballpoint pen or paper-

Trivial though this may seem some estimates put the total cost of pilfering and fiddling at around 1.8 per cent of national output. Studies suggest that between 75 and 92 per cent of employees admit "stealing" from their employers.

Why do we do it? One explanation is that workers are "assuaging grievances" by seizing benefits that the formal seizing benefits that the formal economy denies them—for example, blue-collar workers fiddle while white-collar workers get legitimate perks. Another is that fiddling provides a creative outlet and excitement which people cannot find elsewhere.

The book's editor, Dr Stuart Henry, claims that up to a fifth

Some of Mr West's details of Sir Roger's early career were checked yesterday and confirmed from independent sources, but it was not possible to establish the truth of his claim about the senior MI5 man who spied for the Soviet Union until his death in 1963 Henry, claims that up to a fifth of the workforce may have unregistered second jobs or be involved in what he calls informal trading networks, working on the side for undeinto MIS and consultations with more than a hundred serving or retired counter-intelligence clared cash. Thatcher bid to reassure and
Peer 'double agent', page 6
Diary, page 14
Leading article, page 15 But the desire to boost

income is not the only reason for moonlighting. Many people do it primarily because they enjoy the work or to help some enough KGB.

agents in England

body our.

Estimates of the size of the black economy range from 2 to 3 per cent of national output to as much as 7! per cent, with undeclared earnings costing the Exchequer £1,000m to £4.000m as user in lose tax revenue. To form a New Political Party a year in lost tax revenue. But the thrust of Dr Henry's book is that concern over lost tax revenues and the like may be misplaced. Far from imposing real costs on society, the black economy props it up, both by generating additional income and spesding tof which the taxway may his character and

the taxman ger, his share) and by diverting rebellious spirits into relatively harmless pastimes.

Can I have it in cash? edited by
Stuart Hemy, published by Astragal Books, 9 Queen Anne's Gate,
London, SW1. Price £12.95.

This one was posted in west central London and was addressed in near, printed Proceedings start for extradition Mrs Knight has been an MP since 1966. Her immediate reaction when told of the letter bomb was that it must have been the work of the IRA. (She been the

The Director of Public Prosecutions started proceedings vesterday for the extradition from Barbados of Ronald Eiggs, after Scotland Yard had confirmed that fingerprints sent to Berkeley Sq them by the Barbados police December 3.

Lawyers representing Mr Biggs have filed a write of habeas corpus seeking his release, Reuter reports from Barbados.] When signed by a magistrate, the papers will be passed to Barbados through diplomatic

in Barbados yesterday, a warrant for the arrest of Mr John
Miller, who is said to have
organized his removal from
Brazil, was issued in London.

**At sea.*

Yesterday the bizarre facts
behind the operation began to
emerge. It involved the making
of a film and the planned sale

Mr Miller, also known as Mr John McKillop, a former Scots up to £250,000. Mr Biggs him-Guards sergeant, failed to self, it is thought, went along appear before Marlborough with the plan, but did not know that the plan to be land. Street magistrates on a charge of actual bodily harm during a fight at Morton's Club, Berkeley Square, London, on

were his.

The court heard that Mr
The director's office said it Miller, of Creswell Place, West had asked for all relevant statements and exhibits on Mr
Biggs's conviction from Scotland Yard files. The extradition
will take several weeks if
uncontested, but could take
several months if contested.

Language representing Mr Biggs

Miller, of Creswell Place, West
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Brompton, was in Barbados on
business. Mr Leon Kaye, his
solicitor, said. "Mr Miller has
been involved in the recovery
of Ronald Biggs from Brazil
and the subsequent handing
over of Mr Biggs in Barbados."

Haven doi: He was doing all he could to assist the police in connexion with the affair.

Mr Miller, a director of Single Point Limited, a security firm, and four others with the backing of £56,000 undertook channels

As Mr Biggs was being questioned by immigration officers
in Barbados was being questioned by immigration officers
Monday night after seven days

of the final episode, to land him on crown territory.

The operation was funded, according to Mr Sebastian Fraser, a partner with a publishing firm in north London, by the owner of a magazine company.

Mr Frederick Prime, Mr Frederick Prime, a British ex-serviceman, and one of the five men who arrived in Barbedos with Mr Biggs on the yacht, told a local new-paper yesterday that the oceration "was just a publicity thing" to premote their security company.

security company.

Son to be moved: Mr Bizgs's
Brazilian ex-mistress is planning to fly their young son from Brazil to a new home in Switzerland (Associated Press reports).

Film removed: Photographic equipment and film has been removed from the schooner used to take Mr Biggs from Brazil (Reuter reports).

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Minimum 'core' of six secondary school subjects

The Government published guidance on what ought to be taught in schools, the first since the passing of the Education Act of 1944. The paper says all secondary school pupils should study a minimum "core" of six subjects up to the age of 16. They are mathematics, science, English, religious education, a humanities subject, and physical page 4 education

Low pay deals plea

A new Government drive to keep down pay settlements was launched by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, He said pay awards should be in the middle of a single-figure range next year. The call for lower pay settiements came with a hint on a further interest rates cut later this year

Boy tells of kidnap

Mark Thody, aged 16, of Graveley, near Huntingdon, told of being kidnapped at knifepoint on Monday. He was found unharmed 36 hours later in West Yorkshire, the police said. A watch was kept on a £100,000 ransom left at Peterborough railway station but it was not collected. The police had asked for a news blackout on the incident Page 2

Attackers black out Kampala

Kampala and all of western Uganda were plunged into darkness when antigovernment groups damaged the main power line from the Owen Falls hydroelectric station. In other attacks; a broadcasting station was damaged and the headquarters of the ruling Uganda People's Congress came under machine-

£920m tax 'shortfall' Civil servants' union leaders said their

strikes were cutting off about two-fifths of government revenue and had trebled state borrowing. The tax income shortfall was estimated at £920m in the first two weeks of selective stoppages. Action by customs staff is holding up cargoes

Rebuke for Mr Haig President Reagan has delivered what amounts to a public rebuke to Mr Alexander Haig, his Secretary of State, by announcing that Vice-President Bush would chair a crisis management committee after Mr Haig had made known his disapproval of the proposal Page 7

£5,700m rail project

Investment totalling £5,700m over the next 20 years is called for in British Rail's modernization plan unveiled by Sir Peter Parker, the chairman. It includes main line electrification and subsidies for rural lines

Barclaycard users face disruption

Burclays Bank faces serious disruption if the 24-hour strike due to start today gains support from union members. Computer operators at Gloucester and Wythenshawe who control Barclaycard authorizations have voted to strike. The union said branches might be prevented from operating if sufficient operators are called out Page 19

Polish talks today Talks between the Polish Government

and Solidarity, to avert a strike on Friday and more next week, were adjourned last night until today after 30 minutes. Union spokesmen said the Justice Minister failed to present a reply to Solidarity's demands Page 8

Belfast shooting: City councillor was shot and wounded at his home as Dublin investigations into shooting of BL executive continued

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other, Mr Justice Ghulam dar Shah fied to Britain last r claiming police barassnt.-Reuter.

ootballer freed ladrid, March 25.—The mish football star Joaquin uini" Castro, centre-forward Barcelona, was freed today kidnappers who had dended a ransom of £526,000. 'olice arrested three kiduar's. "Quini" is in good cil for Social Democracy.

Labour counter-attack on 'dishonest' rebels

By Michael Hatfield Political Reporter

Political Reporter
Labour leaders last night
challenged the personal and
political integrity of the Social
Democrat MPs who today
launch their new party.
The counter-attack, aimed at
dinming the spotlight of publicity which will shine on Mr
Pour leaking Mrs Shirley Wil-

Roy Jeakins, Mrs Shirley Wil-liams, and their colleagues, was based on the leak of a Social Democrat document prepared by Dr David Owen, another member of the Gang of Four, in late November.

Although the document shows that the Social Democrat MPs were then still hovering on the brink of whether to form a new party instead of remaining and fighting within the Labour Party, Labour leaders chose to read it as a final commitment.

Mr Ronald Hayward, general
secretary of the Labour Party, said after a meeting of the national executive committee vesterday that Mrs Shirley Williams, a former committee member, had been planning behind their backs "and pretended to be as pure as driven

With the Social Democrat document in front of him Mr Hayward extracted from his SDOW papers the text of an interview Mrs Williams had given on Independent Television News in February. She had said: "I have not been planning a new party and up until Wembley the special party conference) there was no question of that . . . it would be quite improper to start a new party while one was till in the old

party "-Dr Owen, who would not admit to the authorship of the document, said it was pri-vate and had been written in early November

"It was stolen from one of our offices. But it is quite clear in the text that we had not made up our minds and that we were still considering working as an organization in the party to counter the militant tendency." It was written long be-fore the formation of the Coun-The Labour national execu-

tive made considerable play of the document yesterday in unanimously approving a resolu-tion deploring the action of those MPs who were elected as Labour members, who have now delected from the Labour Party, and who now refuse to resign

their seats.

The campaign to get them to resign, started by Mr Michael Foot, the party leader, will be stepped up today. The party will issue a statement from Labour officials in the constituencies of the 14 Social Demo-crats calling upon them to resign and fight by-elections. The NEC resolution "noted with disgust the evidence pub-lished this morning of the cynical and unprincipled planning

and establishment over the post five or more months of a socalled Social Democratic party by people who were at that time members of the Labour Party and who cwed their public eminence and public office entirely to the Labour move-"We consider that it is now clear that this grouping has

deliberately organized defection in such a way as to inflict maximum borm upon the Labour Party and the people in it and has, by following such a course, demonstrated a complete lack of personal and political in-Jumping the gun: The Social Democrats yesterday delivered

premature applications for founder" membership of their new party to many of the 30,000 people who had signified initial support (our Political Editor writes). Through faulty coordination with the Post Office, glossy computerized letters sporting the title SDP, and soliciting subscriptions of at least £9, arrived through letter boxes in areas of London. In a determined effort to

liam Rodgers Norwich and Leeds, and Dr Owen Southampton and Plymouth. Bocument extracts, and Mr Cyril Smith's attack, page 2

demonstrate that the new party is not London-based, Mrs Wil-

liams will visit Edinburgh and

Birmingham; Mr Jenkins Car-

diff and Manchester; Mr Wil-

Political Correspondent

On the eve of the launching of the social democratic party, which hopes to form an alliance with the Liberals, Mr Cyril Smith, Liberal MP for Rochdale, last night condemned what he called the mishandling by his party leader, Mr David Steel, of the early negotiations with the "Gang of Four", Mr Roy Jenkins, Dr David Owen, Mr William Rodgers and Mrs Shirley Williams.

If there was to be an alliance it should be arranged now, he told Liberals in Newbury, Berkshire. But the Social Democrats had said they intended to do nothing about it before.

" David Steel should tell them that they are not on". Mr Smith said. "What mugs we are being taken for, I tell you now, they are stringing us along, and I am sorry to say it, but we are letting them do so.

"All the wets are not in the Tory party."

Mr Smith said that the Social Democrats wanted the alliance with the Liberals only if they were satisfied that they could not win without it. "That is no basis on which to form one and I find it repulsive", he said. He had always argued that there was room for only one centre party, and that was why he had urged Liberals to

Democrats

poll pacts

At least two local pacts have been made between Liberula and social democrats to fight county council elections in May.

In the Lincoln area six social

In the Lincoln area six social democrats and five Liberals will contest different seats on Lincolnshire County Council. A similar arrangement in the Scunthorpe area will involve three Liberals and three social democrats standing for election to Humberside County Council.

In both cases Liberals and

social democrats have agreed

not to stand against each other and to assist the other party. A similar alliance may be

formed in Lancashire after a meeting of local social demo-

crats last night.

Mr Michael Connolly, the
Lancashire regional organizer
of the Social Democratic

Alliance, said yesterday that he

was strongly in favour of a pact under which Liberals and

social democrats would agree to divide county council seats be-

tween them and support each

other. There is to be a meeting between local Liberals and

social democrats next Wednes-

in local

By Ian Bradley

"strangle at birth" any fourth party. "I have constantly urged David Steel in private conversation to work towards one centre, radical party. It is a matter of profound regret to me that he has done exactly the opposite",

He had to accept, however, that an alliance was inevitable. Therefore he was tired of the pussy-footing and "messing about" taking place. Formal discussion should take place now, before this year's Liberal assembly.

Only one type of deal was feasible, Mr Smith said. Whereever both parties existed in a constituency there must be joint selection meetings to choose feasible, Mr Smith said. Whereever both parties existed in a
constituency there must be joint
selection meetings to choose
candidates. That process should
be started now. There must be
one election campaign, not two.
There should be joint television
appearances and joint meetings.
Liberals should make it clear Liberals should make it clear that the deal was for one gen-eral election only, the priorities being to get the economy right, and to get proportional repre-

Tribune attack: The Tribune Group of Labour MPs issued a condemnation of the new party last night, "It is not the social democratic party", they said, "it is the Common Market party. It was started when it became clear that the Labour Party was going to adopt a policy of coming out of the Common Market."

or Three and other Labour Mrs
were near to a break with the
Labour Party, but were still
besitating on the brink.
The extracts below illustrate
that there was still serious
discussion that initially the
social democrats should organize

themselves to fight within the Labour Party—a Social Demo-crat tendency to fight the Trotskyist Militant Tendency,

and others. Some of our closest allies see Roy

Some of our closest allies see Roy still as their political leader, others count him as a friend but do not see him as the political leader in the 1980s but as contributing powerfully to the campaign for social democracy. Others see him as a liability, linked to the Liberal-centre party concept and not a social democrat. The maximum unity can only be achieved if it is accepted that any social democratic organization will be based on one member, one vote, and that therefore the member-

and that therefore the member-ship will determine the roles of individuals, but that before such

decisions there should be a col-

decisions mere anome lective leadership.
The problem with leaving this leadership issue blurred is three-fold. Firstly, Roy has in the past been accepted as our leader and

Leaked paper tells of

hesitation by 'Gang'

By Our Political Reporter tor four and a half years was The leaked Social Democrat actually voted for as our leader;

document shows that in early become the so-called Gang of Three and other Labour MPs seeming as our leader.

Schoolboy tells of kidnap ordeal

A Huntingdon boy, Mark Thody, aged 16, spoke for the first time yesterday of how he had been kidnapped while on his way to school on Monday. He was released unharmed 56 hours later in Yorkshire, his captors having failed to keep a rendezvous to collec. .. £100,000

Cambridgeshire police had asked the media to put a blackout on reports until the boy was safe. Late on Tuesday he was dumped from a car on the edge of a wood and given 15p to telephone his father.

som money was to be collected. No contact was made,

Mr Marvyn Thody, a farmer and fruit and vegetable mer-chant, of Toseland Road, Grave-ley, near Huntingdon, drove to Leeds in a police car to be re-united with his son. He said: "I was overwhelmed, and so was Mark."

was Mark."
The boy said he had been forced into a car at knifepoint, blindfolded, and later sedated, by two men. "I was frightened at the time, but they did not do anything to me."
While going to Hinching-

emerge as our leader. Secondly, Roy is older, therefore letting him emerge as the leader now satisfies the ambitions of

Mr Thody told how the kid-

nappers made contact with him. lected by someone who would A telephone caller to his office twice refused to give a name to Mr Thody's secretary.

In the second call he was told where the boy's moped could be found and that detailed instructions on a ransom would be sent to a local post office. Police intercepted what they described as a "detailed, clear and concise" typewritten note giving details of how the £100,000 was to be paid. The money was to be packed into an attaché case, labelled with the how's same and given to a the boy's name and given to a taxi driver to take to Peter-

borough station. There, according to the police, it was to have been col-

ask whether the taxi driver had a parcel for him. The note ended by giving warning that unless the money was paid the boy would be "disposed of".

Mr Stanley Crump, Cambridgeshire's Assistant Chief Constable (Operations), said his priorities had been the boy's safety, the protection of the money and the arrest of those responsible. He added: "I do not expect any early develop-ments. I should think it would be a long, hard inquiry."

He told police that his abductors' car was a two-door, green-ish Vauxhall Viva with torn upholstery.

The unions assessment of the cash impact of their industrial action was published as further strikes were sanc-

civil servants say the Chatham naval dockyard and at the Paymaster General's Leaders of striking civil seroffice in Crawley. vants stated vesterday that their industrial action was cutting off

Strike cutting off

40% of revenue,

Action by more than 300 cus-toms staff working in ports from Sheerness to Hull is de-signed to blockade cargo traffic about two fifths of the Govern-ment's revenue and had trebled

to and from Germany, Holland and the United Kingdom Off. their disruption; the unions said cers are on strike at Sheerness that information supplied by Harwich, Ipswich, Felizstowe and Hull, and are working to "moles" working during the dispute suggested a shortfall of rule at Lowestott, King's Lynn, 5920m in tax income in the Grimsby, Immingham am first two weeks of selective Goole. stoppages.
Mr Campbell Christie, deputy general secretary of the Society of Civil and Public Servants, said the Treasury had resorted to "siege accounting" because of the strikes by staff at the VAT computer centre in Southend and the Inland Revenue

In Liverpool, nine Ministry of Defence computer suff walked out, and the unions said their action will hold up from worth of payments made each week to defence contractors. Officials of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation family night said that the Inland night said that the mand Revenue management was using Milton Bridge army using camp in the Glencorse barracks; south of Edinburgh to sort cheques that would normally go to the strikebound Cumber nauld offices.

argues: In the first two weeks of strike action the Customs and Excise Department banked only 199m of VAT, compared with a normal level of about 1700m IRSF pickets are expected at the depot this morning after they followed GPO officials in a car chase through cours Scotland yesterday.

Parliamentary report, page to

Thatcher promise on Ulster studies

By Fred Emery Political Editor

Labour Editor

state borrowing.

In a financial assessment of

end and the Inland Revenue computers at Shipley, West Yorkshire, and Cumbernauld,

near Glasgow.
The Council of Civil Service

Unions' financial appraisal argues: "In the first two weeks

for a two-week period.

In a rare reference to the controversial joint studies being carried out by officials from the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, the Prime Minister vesterday gave an undertaking that if they "led the two governments to make recommendations on matters of policy they would be placed before both parliaments in the normal way.

The statement is meant to be innocuous. But, coming after Mrs Margaret Thatcher complained in Maastricht to Mr Haughey, the Taioseach, over the damage she saw done to the studies by an interview given by Mr Lenihan, Irish Foreign Minister, to the Irish Tribune at the weekend, the statement will doubtless be studied for special meaning by Ulster poli-

ticians. The Prime Minister has made clear several times that there is no question of "constitu-tional" issues being discussed in the studies, but she has re-fused to make a Commons

statement on her meeting with Mr Haughey last December. Mrs Thatcher's statement yesterday was in the form of a

Councillor shot at his home in Belfast From a Staff Reporter Belfast

A Belfast city councillor, & Samuel Miller, was shot as h home in Denmark Street, in the city, last night. He had leg ar abdominal wounds. Mr Miller, aged 42, who w believed to have been attack by three men was elected in recent by election as an Ind pendent Unionist. He has con associations with the Use

Defence Association, the me Protestant paramilitary group Northern Ireland.

Meanwhile, police in Dult said yesterday, that they we treating the attack on the George Armstrong, the f executive shot three times

the legs while lecturing Trinity College, as an isolat incident.

Mr Armstrong was flown England vesterday morni-and was taken to Coventry & Warwickshire Hospital, Cove try, where he was visited by wife and three children. I was said to be comfortable.
Nobody had claimed responditive for the attack by last night, and the police a working on the assumption the it was a "freelance

Both the Provisional IRA at the National H-Blocks Comm tee denied involvement. Mr Leonard Figg. the Briti Ambassador to . Irelan described security in republic as being as cood anywhere in Western Eu-"Awful though the out was, we must keep it in spective. It was an isolated and, seen against the enorg number of British visitors, it

perhaps not too much.
"It would be a great pity this caused any diminurion the close personal links between the United Kingdom and the republic."



Mark Thody (right) with his father after his release.

brooke Comprehensive School on his moped he had been forced off the road by a car which had been following him. One of two men inside threatened him with a knife and ordered him to lie out of sight in the back seat. Later, after being driven around for hours blindfolded, he was taken

to a house for the night and the blindfold taken off. The next day the blindfold was put on and again they trove around until the evening. Soon after 10 pm his captors took him into a wood, made him lie face down and warned him not to move for half an

Lambeth ratepayer's study 'made horrifying reading'

Council accused of overspending and extreme political excesses

By Christopher Warman Local Government

Correspondent Lambeth council was guilty of financial mismanagement and the needless excesses of an extreme political faction, a report into the borough's spending, published yesterday, concludes. Mr Bruce Gregory, finance manager of an international company, who is also a Lambeth ratepayer, examined the council accounts for the past decade and compiled a report which he sent to Mr William Shelton, Conservative MP for Lambeth, Streatham, and Mr Robin Pitt, Conservative leader of the

opposition on the council. Commenting on the report, they said it made horrifying reading.

letting him emerge as the leader now satisfies the ambilitions of those younger by leaving the issue open. Thirdly, the media will want a leader—particularly if we widen it out from the Gang of Three which has been accepted as a collective leadership.

If we have an electoral college, is the Labour Party saveable? And saveable means more than just prior to a 1933-84 election but afterwards as well. In essence the choice is soldiering on, possibly breaking near to an election, or facing the key question now as to whether it is possible to envisage the equivalent of a Bad Godesberg (a reference to the West German Social Democratic formation) during the 1980s. If this is not conceivable the unacceptability of allowing Britain to have after 25 years a further-10 years of had government outweigh the real danger that splitting the left could allow the right a sustained period of government, longer than the 13 years between 1951-1964. The question then becomes how to split; timing is a tactical decision, but given the risks associated with the whole enterprise there is an important need to reduce the risks to the minimum and consider carefully all issues. They have written to Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, urgng him to review and strengthen the procedures followed by the district auditor, and to consider imposing a continuing audit on the ratepayers' behalf.

Mr Gregory's report shows and public relations spending that Lambeth council's spend-up by 69 per cent, and social ing has increased by 90 per cent in the past two years, 1.6 rimes as fast as inflation, and partly explained by a 17 percent increase in staff from 8,900 to 10,400.

The report also says that in the past three years Lambeth council's spending has almost doubled, from £88m to £170m.

Mr Gregory claims that the council's essential services, such as cleaning and refuse collec-tion, road maintenance, residential care, meals on wheels and children's homes, have grown roughly in line with inflation, with no significant expansion in two years.

These are contrasted with community education and con-sumer advice, which show a spending increase of 165 per cent, central administration spending, up by 72 per cent, town planning, up by 84 per cent, housing debt charges, in-creased by 74 per cent, liaison

up by 69 per cent, and social work and research spending, increased by 53 per cent.

Mr Gregory singled out the rhenomenal increase in housing and building spending which he says was caused by an ambirious expansion in property development, and by over-spending against original estimated costs.

Compared with other councils, Lambeth's total spending was higher than any other London borough, and its expenditure per head of population had been growing much faster than the average of inner London boroughs.

The report concludes: "Lambeth has serious problems of overspending; there have not been solved. Unit; they are, rates will continue to rise much faster than private income. This is avoidable if the electors of Lambeth refuse to tolerate fuancial mismanagement and the needless excesses of an ex-

treme political faction."

benchers joined forces

volt if the Government resists

stages debate next week. Last night Mr John Gorst, a leading at its committee stage.

Tory campaigner, joined with Mr John Golding, a Labour MP and member of the Post Office would make it a criminal formation of the proposal control of the proposal control of the post o Engineering Union, in tabling an amendment that will be

backed by the Opposition. The amendment removes some of the objections made by Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, in that it does parliamentary

offence to intercept any message carried on the public telecommunications system or to instigate any person in the business of the corporation to intercept a message or disclose

intervals and showers, dying out later, but more general rain from SW by midnight; wind W. moderate or fresh, backing S.

However, the Irish Develor ment Agency and the Iris the contents of a message un-less a warrant had been issued. about the impact. Tourist Board were concerne

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Pressure intensifies for phone tap law the demands in the report accountability, a proposal that

The Government came under further pressure last night to accept statutory provisions on telephone tapping when Con-servative and Labour backtabling an amendment to the British Telecommunications

More than forty Tory back-benchers are threatening a re-

'Rabble' remark revived in Labour clash

By Our Political Reporter Criticism of the Labour Party's National Executive Committee by Mr Denis Healey, depury leader of the party, involved him in a clash with Mr Eric Heffer, a prominent left-

winger, yesterday. Mr Heffer complained ar meeting of the NEC that Mr Healey and Mr Peter Shore, Opposition spokesman on economic affairs, had been making critical speeches against the majority.

When Mr. Healey interjected with the remark, "that rabble over there", a reference to a comment made by Mr. Helfer at last year's party conference, Mr. Heffer bristled and said he had

been misunderstood. His comments at the party conference had been made while he was barracked during his speech, he said; he had not meant to direct his remarks to where the MPs were sitting.

The national executive agreed yesterday to start this year's conference at Brighton on Sunday night so that balloting could take place for the election of leader and deputy under the formula adopted by the Wembley special confer-

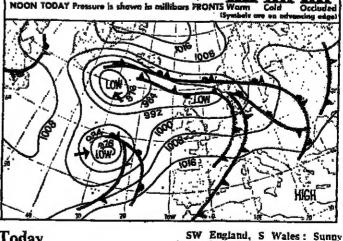
Mr Michael Foot, leader of the party, voted for the pro-posal and Mr Realey against, and it was eventually carried by 16 votes to 11.

National Gallery gets two Corots

The National Gallery has been given its most important group of paintings for nine years. The gift, which includes two Corots, comes from Mrs Alice Bleecker, niece and one of the heirs of Rudolf Brandt, the banker, who originally col-lected the works.

The latest additions are: "Souvenirds Palue!" and "The Gak in the valley", both painted by Corol in May, 1871: "The mouth of 4 river" by Jan van Goven: "Shink in a caim ", by Willem van de Veide the Venunger, and "A nan in black smoking a pipe" by J. L. f. Moissonler, the ainsteamh-capillary articles.

Weather forecast and recordings



12.26 am Last Ouarter: March 28.

A ridge of high pressure will move NE into the British Isles.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, Central S, Central N England, Midlands, Channel Islands: Sunny intervals; scattered showers; wind W, moderate or fresh; maximum temp 12°C (54°F).

SE. E E_gland, East Anglia:
Stather cloudy; showers at first; sunny periods and mostly dry

(48° to 50°F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: Periods of rain, some sunny intervals; wind variable, light, becoming NW. fresh; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Central Highlands, NW Scotland: outbreaks of rain, some sunny intervals; wind variable, light, becoming more showery, sunny intervals; wind W, moderate or fresh; was temp 9°C (48°F). A ridge of high pressure will move NE into the British Isles.

SE, E E gland, East Anglia: Rather cloudy; showers at first; sunny periods and mostly dry later; wind W, fresh, decreasing

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c. cloud ; d. drizzle ;

Orkney, Shetland: Periods of rain, heavy at times; wind E, fresh, becoming variable; max temp 5°C (41°F).

moderate or fresh, backing S, strong; max temp 11° or 12°C (52° to 54°F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District. Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll. N Ireland: Sunny intervals and showers, some heavy; wind W, fresh, backing S; max temp 10°C (50°F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee: Sunny intervals, scattered showers, more general rain at first; wind W, fresh or strong; max temp 9° or 10°C (48° to 50°F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE urday: Mostly dry and bright:
E and N at first, but further ain will spread from the SW. becoming rather warm again.
Sea passages: S North Se Straits of Dover, English Chann (E): St George's Channel, Iris Sea: Sea rough or year 1915.

Yesterday

Londom: Temp: max 6 am to pm, 15°C (59°F); min 6 pm to am, 11°C (52°F). Humidity, 6 pi 82 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.05in. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, n Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,003 millibars, steady.

1,000 millibars=29.53in.



Itting 200 pigs are Venue slaughtered ants because of disease

By Hugh Clayton Agriculture Correspondent Mare than 200 pigs were destroyed on a farm at Wast at Chichester market, West Ardsley, West Yorkshire, yes Sussex, yesterday despite warnterday because they were found inc. by the National Farmers' have swine vesicular disease. There were no outbreaks of foot and mouth disease.

The two diseases are caused by siruses which produce simi-lar effects in animals. But footmi-mouth spreads much fuster, effects many types of animal and is much less frequent in

Amost 2,000 animals have been slaughtered and buried this year because of both disin at a cost of compensation in farmers of more than 196,000. Last year nearly 1960 pigs were slaughtered 1960se of swine vesicular

an attempt to avoid All visitors to the market at inchester, which is about 20 in the restricted areas of the entrance and exit.

Mr John Willis, the Chichester auctioneer, defended the sale and said he had not been not under any pressure from

arning signs were placed ross all entrances, as a preention against foot-and-mouth sease. The deer section is art of the 4,000-acre Great

sland and former MP, is to ntest the Fermanagh and

uth Tyrone by-election for ficial Unionists, the party he

ance of finding a compro-se candidate between the ficial Unionists, historically

e party of government, and E Rev Ian Paisley's Demo-

tic Unionist Party.
The DUP, for once outman-wred by its bitter rivals, was

disarray last night. There is prospect of its offering sup-

to Mr West because of inextricable association with party that Mr Paisley has

n deriding, with increasing

he DUP's troubles worsened terday when Mr Roy Kells, part-time Ulster Defence ament lieutement with no

ty political affiliations, who mmething of a local celeb-after surviving two IRA attacks and four bombing

is o nhis draperp store, ided not to stand.

iom, for a decade.

selection ended any

Mr Harold West fights

Termanagh by-election

m Christopher Thomas

Mast
Mr Harold West, landowner,
ge-scale farmer, veteran of litical intrigues in Northern
land and former MP is to

Foot-and-mouth fear at auction

Cattle sale goes ahead despite NFU warning

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Frem John Witherow

A cattle auction went ahead Union that it was irresponsible to hold one so close to the area restricted because of foot-andmouth disease.

Many farmers, however, stayed away because of the outbreak in the Isle of Wight, and most pens remained empty. Only about a third of the cattle expected at sale were put up for auction.

The NFU believe all movements of people and animals that could spread the disease should be discouraged, but the Ministry of Agriculture said the restricted area in the Isle of Wight and around the Solent is adequate at present to control

adequate at present to control the outbreak.

All visitors to the market at

put under any pressure from the NFU to cancel it. "We have taken advice from the Ministry of Agriculture yets, and they said we can open", he said. "We have a duty to the public to provide a service. to provide a service.

Mr Kells withdrew as soon as he learnt that Mr West was standing. "I will be a unity candidate for the thre parties

With four days to go before nominations close, the Fermanagh Imperial Association of

the DUP meets in Enniskillen

tonight to consider two choices: to find another candidate in

or nothing", he declared.

He said all necessary precautions, including banning any cattle from the restricted area, had been observed, and added: "If I thought there was one shadow of risk in having the market, I would not hold it".

Farmers tend to buy stock in a spring sale; unusually, most of the cattle sold yesterday were for slaughter. Farmers from Hampshire were discouraged from buying because of the risk of taking animals into a restricted area.

One farmer, Mr Jack Brazier, Arundel, said the market s "ridiculous" because so few cattle were for sale because of the danger of the outbreak spreading.

Mr Roderick Kynoch, a Ministry of Agriculture veter-inary surgeon, who was check-ing the animals, said the sale could proceed because it was outside the restricted area.

An official of the south-east region of the NFU said, how-ever, that because of strong winds and the possibility of birds carrying the discase, holding auctions so close to the restricted zone was an addi-tional risk. The union wants all markets near the area, especially at Chichester, Haywards Heath and Guildford, cancelled for two weeks.

Woman wins Peace tax fight

From Our Correspondent

Miss Jennie Aste, a peace campaigner, of York, has won the right to pay 40 per cent of her income tax by separate because she wants it cheque diverted directly to the Minis-try of Overseas Development to

help the needy
Miss Aste, aged 28, a selfemployed bookbinder, took her
case to the Inland Revenue
through Mr Alexander Lyon,
Labour MP for York. She plans
to belp others to get the same
concession through the Peace
Tay Campaign. Tax Campaign. Our Business News Staff writes

An Inland Revenue official said yesterday that they were still making inquiries about the case.
It seems unclear what practical consequence, if any, the ruling will have. An individual's income tax bill is not allocated in whole or in part to any Gov-

ernment department
Equally, authority to spend
money as far as the Ministry
of Defence or the Ministry of Overseas Development is con-cerned is in no way connected to individual income tax pay-

Miss Aste may get moral satisfaction from the arrange-ments which could follow her victory. In practice, however, all money collected by the Gov-ernment in whatever form ends

components flowing to the

assembly lines, operating a com-puter-controlled components

puter-controlled components warehouse for the Metro.

But few external supplies got

White-collar pickets slow production of BL cars

From Clifford Webb Birmingham

Birmingham ment by surprise.

White-collar pickets sealed Managers and superintendoff BL's Longbridge car plant ents kept internally stocked yesterday, preventing deliveries of components and slowing production of the Metro, Mini and Allegro models.

120 compulsory redundancies, was supported by all but a handful of the 4,500 staff. The

ragin rates or intectious dis-eases, respiratory ailments and mental illness among tenants on a Liverpool council estate were directly linked to unsatis-factory housing conditions, a government report published

Infectious diseases were

ditions of mobile food vans

which took advantage of the

nected with detects in the ducted warm air system, dampness from drying clothes in flats because drying rooms had been made unusable by vandals, and lack of fresh air among children whose parents were afraid to let them out.

Depression among isolated

lousewives was particularly common, the report starties:
Several serious accidents had
included that of a young child
falling off a balcony.

The North Lee estate, Liver-pool, is one of several examples

housing development direc-torate. Together they provide a grim picture of lives that

have been needlessly worsened by indifferent local authority management and by insensitive architectural design.

Minister for Housing and Con-struction, referred in a speech to a conference in London

Mr Stanley reaffirmed his belief that the best way of improving housing conditions

was to make home ownership

available to as wide a public

He announced that the grant limits on properties improved

by local authorities and hous-ing associations for subsequent sale was to be raised from £5,000 to £10,000 in London,

and to £7,500 elsewhere.

organized by Centre Trust.

as possible.

The report, An investigation of difficult to let housing, is one of several which were pub-lished together yesterday, and to which Mr John Stanley.

unpopular housing examined in the report by the Depart-ment of the Environment's

lack of shops on the estate. Respiratory illnesses were believed by doctors to be con-nected with defects in the

yesterday suggests.

But lew external supplies got through and there was a short-age of engines normally deliv-ered by lorry

The two-day strike is due to end tonight, to be followed by as yet undisclosed action by the four unions involved. The strike, in protest against

solidarity of the response and the militancy displayed by a normally moderate section of

hurry, or to withdraw from the contest. The former is the more likely. Report links On the anti-unionist side, the Irish Independence Party is considering whether to put up a candidate, and the Social Demobad housing cratic and Labour Party will select a candidate tonight. Other contenders are Mrs Bernadette McAliskey and Mr Noel Maguire, brother of the late By John Young Planning Reporter High rates of infectious dis-

Mr West, aged 64 tomorrow, led the Official Unionists for five years before resigning soon after a dismal performance in the European Assembly elec-tions in the summer of 1979.

SPCA loses a st case on iicken cruelty

test case brought by the CA against a chicken ducer, alleging failure to ure painless deaths of fowls human consumption, was nissed yesterday. The case, ch has important implicais for Britain's chicken ustry, was due to last three s but was dismissed within se bours.

he RSPCA had brought a l of 90 charges against four and a chicken company, ging that an unknown numof birds, estimated at more 1 120, had been slaughtered tout first being anzesthe-

total of 18 charges were le against the company, cenda (Chickens) Ltd, of low Road, Brackley, North-tonshire, and 72 against

he alleged incidents took to between May 9 and Sep-ber 6 last year. Mr John inch, for the defence, argued Brackley Magistrates' Court the court did not have sdiction to hear the case tuse the summonses had been properly examined by gally qualified clerk

Attacker armed

with crossbow sought by police
By Our Home Affairs West Midlands police were esterday hunting for the yesterday hunting for the attacker of two men, one of whom was shot in the neck by

a bolt fired from a crossbow.

Mr Caramat Hussein was
standing in the street near his home in Small Heath, Birming-ham, on Tuesday when a green Vauxhall Viva drew up and a man leant out of the window and fired at him.

He was taken to East Bir mingham Hospital for an emerseucy operation to remove the bolt, and yesterday his condition was not serious. Soon afterwards Mr Richard

Coates, aged 50, of Keynsham, near Bristol, was returning to his car in a car park at the Tivoli Centre, in Coventry Road, Birmingham, when he disturbed a man apparently try-ing to break into it.

Mr Coates was struck on the head by, what appeared to be a hand-gun and threatened The man ran off, chased by two members of the public, and discharged the gun. Mr Coates was treated for head injuries and discharged.

harge over demolition

private prosecution for the Bedly illegal demolition last of a group of listed seventh-century almshouses is to heard by magistrates in itham, Lincolnshire, today. ne defendant is Sir Bruno

n Michael Horsnell dlesbrough

former criminal, alleged

the Crown to have been in

Welby, owner of the cottages.
The prosecution has been brought by Mr David Pearce, secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. It is believed to be the first private prosecution under the Town and Country Planning

Vitness tells of policeman

grip of a corrupt London ctive, said in Teesside on Court vesterday that the ter demanded 5200 in re-The Crown alleges that the former detective fled the country before his trial at the for helping him over an r Michael Perry alleged Central Criminal Court in 1972 and returned only last year, and that he first met Mr Perry on at subsequent meetings e instalments of £50 were September 24, 1969, at Camberthe policeman, Der

eant John Symonds, and payments were obed and tape recorded by otters from The Times who investigating police corone of the recorded meet-Mr Symonds told him he Mr Perry told the court:
"While I was in the cell Mr
Symonds poked his head round d give him a licence to mit crime backed by a m within a firm "-a netof corrupt London police-

he said. te jury were played tapes onversations said to be ben the two men. At one 2 Mir Symonds joked: u have not got this bugged omething, have you " Mr omething, have you "Mr y replied: "Put a hankie found at my flat . . . I took that

Mr Symonds, aged 45, denies three charges of corruptly accepting a total of £150 from Mr Perry during October and

well police station, in south London, where he was based. Mr Perry, then aged 22, from Peckham, south London, had been arrested by provincial detectives in comexion with the theft of some cigarettes from a Co-operative store in Numeaton.

the door and we had a con-versation. He said someone had told him to see me. I had never spoken to him before. He said if the Coventry police asked what he was doing there, to tell them he was inquiring about some clothes to be in the cell.

"He said: "I do not think they have got anything on you, but if they have got a finger-print tell them you will plead guilty to Section, 1 theft, because that only carries 12 manths maximum. months maximum'

Mr Perry thanked him and said he would "see him all right" at a later date. In October Mr Perry received a letter from the police at Nun eaton telling him that proceedings would not be brought.

Shortly before that he had met Mr Symonds outside the Rose public house, in Camber well, when, Mr Perry said: "He told me that I would get off the Nuneaton job and he said it would cost £200. I thought he was being a bit greedy. I had a sum of £25

Later that month Mr Perry decided to "say something to somebody" and was introduced to Mr Gareth Lloyd, a reporter from The Times.

The trial continues today.

BR plea for £5,700m modernization

By Michael Baily Transport Correspondent A modernization plan for Britain's railways that would require overall investment of \$5,700m in electrified main lines, improved commuter services, low-cost rural railways and a Channel tunnel was announced by British Rail yesterday.

Investment should be raised from £306m to £567m a year until 1990, British Rail states; without it, the railways will continue to decline and 3,000 miles of track will have to close.

Introducing the proposals at a press conference in London, Sir Peter Parker, the chairman, said: "We are not trying to terrorize the taxpayer but to keep the picture steadily in view. There are certain things in this package we must do, and others we could do to point the railways in the right direc-

"We are entirely realistic about the state of the economy, and we are asking for a commit-

ment first and cash later.

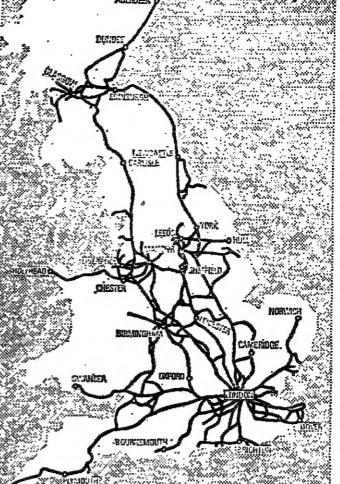
British Rail proposes a new contract with the Government to pay for the "social railway". se parts that are uneconomic those parts that are uneconomic but socially valuable, and greater private sector involve-ment in the commercial service, for freight, parcels, and inter-city passenger transport. After years of under-invest-ment the railways were reach

ment the railways were reach-ing a "dividing of the ways" between an improved railway and a run-down of the system. British Rail could not continue the present investment policy beyond 1983; decisions needed to be taken this year about the direction thereafter.

The main decision, to be taken in "weeks rather than months, and days rather than weeks", Sir Peter said, was approval for main-line electrification costing about £1.000m over 20 years. A joint British Rail and Department of Transport study reported recently that the scheme would yield an 11 per cent real return, and Sir Peter described it as the backbone A reduction of 38,000 in staff

A reduction of 38,000 in staff over the next five years is envisaged, with the reduced workforce earning higher real wages. Whatever productivity gains were made, extra investment funds would still be needed, Sir Peter said.

The proposed increase in annual investment would cover



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renewal of worn-out assets, including catching up on the present backlog of replacements (72m a year up to 1990); improving London and Southeast commuter services (97m more a year); main line electrification (£36m a year); improved services to Garwick airport and possibly Stanstead (£10m a year); and BR's share on a Channel tunnel (£51m a

Another area for investment would be improving staff work-ing conditions, which have suf-fered badly in recent years. The report concludes that there is no serious doubt in anyone's mind that a railway network of major proportions is necessary to the efficient operation of the country as a whole, and that it is of considerable benefit to millions of people who travel for leisure or people who travel for leisure or holiday purposes ".

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reached a point at which the nation must choose between investment in improvement or letting the system run down, the report says. The consequences for 1990 are as follows;

The former would mean : Electrified trains from London to Blackpool, Derby, Doncaster, Leeds, Nottingham, Oxford, Sheffield, and work well

advanced to Bristol, South Wales and Edinburgh Advanced Passenger Trains from Eusron, King's Cross and

St Pancras to Scotland and many cities in England High Speed Trains (Inter-city 25) transferred to upgrade

cross-country routes New electric trains for many London commuter services as well as in East Anglia and

New lightweight trains giving better value for money on rural

Improved punctuality, relia-

bility and cleanliness Improved ticketing and more

Extensive modernization of stations, including where appro-priate bus stations; with linked timetables between bus and

Express trains to airports like Gatwick and perhaps Stansted Improved freight and parcels

Letting the system run down would mean:

3,000 miles of track, rising rapidly, withdrawn from traffic for lack of maintenance

800 miles of track carrying speed restrictions withdrawn from traffic for lack of main-

Signal failures up from 4 per cent to 10 per cent annually Train delays up from 5,000 hours now to 8,500 hours, rising Locomotive availability down from 75 to 50 per cent

Electric multiple unit availability down from 85 to 70 per

Diesel multiple units availability down from 80 to 60 per

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science, English, religious education, a humanities subject and physical education up to the age of 16, the Government says in a paper on the school teachers to decide on the curriculum, published yester- detailed content of the cur-

1944, that a government has balanced curriculum for all offered guidance on what ought to be taught in schools. Local authorities will be asked to report back after two years, ex- from the age of 14. plaining what progress they have made towards meeting the examinations could also lead to objectives set out in the paper. distortions in the programmes Mr Mark Carlisle, Secretary of individual pupils. A com-of State for Education and bination of examination courses Science, accepted yesterday did not always provide a that he had no power to force balanced curriculum. local authorities to comply, but he said a circular would be issued shortly and in practice local authorities feel they have a responsibility to act.

By Diana Goddes

Education Correspondent

All secondary school pupils

The paper points out that while the Government has a duty to promote education, and study mathematics, to that extent is required to take an overall view of the content and quality of education, it was up to local authorities, school governing bodies and riculum.

It is the first time since the passing of the Education Act, need to achieve a broad and pupils is emphasized. Too many pupils were allowed to drop key subjects, particularly

Excessive emphasis

In addition to the six-subject "cure" curriculum, opportuni-ties should be provided for practical and aesthetic activity, and for experience with com-

The paper points out that puters; and as many pupils as while the Government has a possible should be encouraged possible should be encouraged to continue to study a foreign language up to the age of 16.
At primary level, the curriculum should include mathematics, English, science, history, geography, religious education,

physical education and aesthetic

and practical studies. French should be introduced only

where there was a qualified teacher and assured coordination with secondary schools. Throughout the paper, it is emphasized that how something is taught is as important as what is taught. Guidance had been issued on subjects, but a subject title did not indicate the content or level of study, or the extent to which it was

meering learning objectives. Some essential educational elements were not found in particular subjects, but should be provided across the curriculum. They included an understanding of the multi-cultural nature of British

society, the effects of techequality of men and women. Another essential area was personal and social develop-ment Every school should make clear to parents its aims in moral education, and would soon be required under new regulations to publish information on the ways and contexts in which sex education is pro-

The Government's discussion document, A framework for the curriculum, published a year ago, contained controversial proposals that minimum periods of time should be allocated to certain key subjects such as mathematics. Those have been dropped from the latest paper because the Government feared that the minima would either be treated as norms or inter

preted too rigidly.

The school curriculum (Department of Education and Science and the Weish Office, Stationery Office, 52)



Tommy Wisbey Roger Cordrey



James White



James Hussey Charles Wilson

Robert Welch Ronald Edwards

All except Ronald Biggs have served out sentences

Eleven men who robbed the train and have now been released

By a Staff Reporter

Eleven men were convicted for their part in the Great Train Robbery of August 8, 1963. Apart from Ronald Biggs, who has been at large since escaping from prison in 1965, all have served jail sentences and been released. The 11 are: Ronald Biggs: Sentenced to 30 years, he escaped from Wandsworth prison in July, 1965, when an armed gang broke in and released him with three other prisoners. He has been living in Brazil, successfully resisting attempts at extradition. Roger Cordrey: A former Roger Cordrey: A former florist, he was sentenced to 20 years after admitting the crime and was released after serving seven years.

Ronald "Buster" Edwards: Evaded capture for three years, went to Mexico, but surren-dered in September 1966. Sen-tenced to 15 years, he was re-leased on parole in April, 1975, but went back to prison the same year after being convicted for stealing goods worth £65 from Harrods in London. On

his final release set up a flower stall at Waterloo station, in

Gordon Goody: A former hairdresser, sentenced to 30 years and released on parole in 1976. Sold vegetables from a lorry in south London.

James Hussey: Former house painter, sentenced to 30 years and released in December, 1975. Worked on market stalls in

Roy James: A talented racing driver and aliversmith, he was caught by the Flying Squad four months after the robbery in a

Robert Welch: A former club proprietor, he was sentenced to 30 years and released on parole in June, 1976. On his release became a car dealer.

James White: A former paratrooper, he was the quarter-master for the robbery, respon-sible for stores and vehicles. He evaded capture for three years but was arrested in April, 1966, and sentenced to 18 years' imprisonment. He was released in April, 1975, and became a painter and decorator.

Charles Wilson: A former bookmaker, he was sentenced to 30 years but escaped from Winson Green Prison, Birmingham, in August, 1964, four months after the end of the trial. He cluded capture until January. 1968, when he was arrested by Chief Supt Tommy Butler and 50 Mounties near Montreal, in Canada. He was released in December, 1978.

Lords told of closed shop's three 'bad men'

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster

Westminster
Lord Gowrie, Ministry of
State at the Department of
Employment, last night steppe up the Government's campaig gainst the closed shop who he rook the unusual course naming the chairman of the Sandwell Council, West Mi. lands, its personnel director an a local trade union official : "thoroughly bad men by an normal ethical standards".

He told the House of Lort during a debate on the close shop policies of certain loc-authorities that their action were "thoroughly wicked".

The men named by Ler Gowrie were Mr John Edward chairman of the council the dismissed Miss Joanna Harr for refusing to join a tractumion, Mr Hodgetts, the personel director, and Mr Faux, the Marianal and Local Gorean the National and Local Gover ment Officers' Association.

Lord Gowrie said he hope that the electors of Sandwe were alert to the kind of actic being undertaken in their nam
Mr Faux, Lord Gowrie adde
had faced council employe
with the chance of joining t union or being dismissed a had said he had no conscien about doing so. Councillor Edwards h claimed that his council had

mandate from the electorate force union membership on

employees. Lord Bruce of Doningte from the Labour front bene said that if Miss Harris felt s had been maltreated or unfair dismissed then remedies we

open to her. Lord Gowrie's attack on Sar well council comes at a tir when the Government is bei pressed hard by sections of the Conservative Party to introduce stricter legislation to co trol that aspect of industri

relations. The Prime Minister last we of the operation of closed sho to submit their views to ! James Prior, Secretary of Sta

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detained under the Men Health Act.

The college's decision we disclosed yesterday by Larry Gostin, legal director MIND, at an open day held the Geoffrey Knight Psyc surgical Unit at Brook Gene Hospital at Woolwich in sou east London which perfections.

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Parliamentary report, page

be lost forever'

By Kenneth Gosling .

Rare film footage may be lost forever unless the public is given a greater awareness of its value to the heritage. Mr Anthony Smith, director of the British Film Institute, said last

Referring to a three-year standstill in the budget for the National Film Archive's 24-year programme for converting form gerous nitrate film to safety stock, Mr. Smith called for a switch in the balance of national priorities in preserva-

The entire archive and all its expenses cost annually as much as a single important acquisition- for the National Gallery, he said.

All that was now required, he told the Royal Society of Arts in London, was the equivalent of an additional small Impressionist painting to restore the momentum of the nitrate pro-

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Films 'could | Second Oxford college to waive exam entrance

By Our Education Correspondent

A second Oxford college has decided to offer places to candidates on the basis only of an Mr Colin Lucas, admissions interview and the minimum tutor for Balliol, said that the university matriculation rechairman of the university's quirements, two grade Es at management committee, which A level.

Balliol College announced vesterday that from next year it will be making unconditional offers to about twenty pupils a year from schools unable to provide special tuition for

Oxbridge entrance:
Hertford College has operated
an unconditional offer scheme
open to pupils at any type of school since 1965. It won reluctant agreement from the other colleges earlier this year to ex-pand the scheme to apply to 30 per cent of its intake.

Although Hertford's scheme

has proved a resounding suc-cess, other colleges have until now refrained from following suit for fear that it would open the flood gates and lead to the dentise of the university's en-

Three other colleges, including Oriel, are known to be considering introducing similar

represents the admissions tutors of all the colleges, had cleared Balliol's scheme under the agreement allowing colleges to make conditional offers up to a fifth of their intake without requiring candidates to take the entrance examination.

Proposals supported: The Counties yesterday gave its over-cil of Local Education Authoriwhelming approval to proposals to set up a national body to finance, plan and rationalize higher education in the maintained sector.

The council decided that-the new body should not finance public sector higher education by a direct grant from Government, as the University Grants Committee does, but should levy contributions from local

Challenge by MPs on sex life snooping By Pat Healy

Social Services Correspondent The Government is expected

to respond today to growing disquiet about social security officials prying into the sex lives of single mothers. Questions tabled by three Labour MPs ask how often information about sexual relationships is used in proceed ings against putative fathers and how much money is

recovered as a result. The questions were tabled after disclosures about secret instructions to officials to ask detailed questions about sex lives where single mothers claiming supplementary benefits have not sought maintenance

The instructions, which the Department of Health and Social Security bave confirmed are current, include asking when and where sexual intercourse first took place, how frequently

decorator. Bruce Reynolds: A former antique dealer, he evaded cap-

plane

that never

cost a life

British Airways' last YC10

versy.

When he was appointed chairman of BOAC in 1964 the late
Sir Giles Guthrie tried to cancel the entire order of 30 Super

VC10s and replace them with 14 Boeing 707s

But the plan was countermanded by Mr Julian Amery, the minister responsible, on the ground that it would do extensive injury to the British indus-

'That's Showbiz'

After causing much dissen-

After causing much dissen-sion with performances on Sundays, the West End variety show, That's Showbiz, will close on Saturday, a week earlier than scheduled, because of heavy losses incurred in its seven-week run at the Phoenix Theatre

Nevertheless the producers, Stephen and Fiona Kendall-Lane, still hope to mount a new variety show at the Phoenix, starting some time next month. A decision is expected in the next few days.

Actress misses a show

Barbara Windsor, the actress, who fainted on stage on Tues-

day, did not appear in last night's performance of Entertaining Mr Slome at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, west London, on the instruction of her doctor. She hopes to return to the cast tonight.

Mrs May Toone, aged 50, of Baldock, Hertfordshire, gave up her job as a betting shop clerk at Letchworth yesterday, on hearing that she and her husband had won £268,000 on the page of the poid. "I always

Betting clerk's luck

to end early

By Arthur Reed

rooftop chase in St John's Wood, London, Sentenced to 30 years, he was paroled in August, 1975, and became a builder and

ture for five years, living in Mexico and the south of France, and was arrested in a villa in
Torquay in November, 1963. He
was sentenced to 25 years in
January. 1969, and released
after serwing 10 years.

December, 1978.

Tommy Wisbey: Another former bookmaker, he was sentenced to 30 years and released on parole in March, 1976.

Era ends for | Doctors reject guidelines for psychosurgery

By Nicholas Timmins

The Royal College of Psychiatrists has rejected the idea of laying down guidelines on the treatment of patients by psychosurgery, in which a small part of the brain is destroyed in an attempt to alleviate psychiatric conditions such as severe

depression. It is, however, to advise its members that a second indepen-dent psychiatric opinion should be sought before a decision to operate is taken,

British Airways' Hast VC10 airliner will make its final scheduled flight on Sunday from Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, to Heathrow, after which the fleet will be retired, having carried in 17 years about 13 million passengers without a fatality.

The aircraft is to be handed The aircraft is to be handed over to the Royal Air Force, which has purchased all 14 in Professor Gerald Timbury, chairman of the public policy committee of the royal college, said yesterday: "We feel that The VC10, conceived by Vickers in 1957, was one of the last great individual products of the British aircraft manufacturing industry, but its purchase by British Overseas Airways Corporation, BA's predecessor, caused violent controverse. guidelines similar to those we have published for ECT (Electro-convulsive therapy) are not required because the operation is performed very infre-quently".

About seventy such operations are performed in England and Wales a year.

The coilege, however, is to study whether an independent panel should advise on the operation in the few cases where

Motorists left in

about two-thirds of the psych surgery operations in Engla-and Wales. Mr Gostin said the advice 1 seek a second opinion was step forward, but probably no enough

MIND favours the creation independent panels to examicases, a proposal that may t included in a new Ment in a new Ment Health Bill The open day was held t

the unit to counter criticis of the operation, which coinvolve side-effects. Dr Par Bridges, the osychiatrist at th unit, said the operation we carried out as a last resort o patients who have not benefite from more conventional trea ments, such as drugs and EC.

doubt after

ing case. Two electronics experts said the gun could give false readings, particularly if a police car radio near by was switched on.

Speeding decision

The RAC called on rhe Home Office yesterday to make an early statement about the use of police radar guns in speed traps. A motorist at Newport Crown Court, Gwent, on Tuesday won his appeal in a speeding case. Two electronics statements and part of the commendations issued by the Boundary Comfor England.

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An RAC official said yesterday: "It has resulted in many motorists who feel they were wrongly convicted being left in serious doubt whether they are entitled to a free pardon."

He added: "Since the introduction of radar guns the RAC duction of radar guns the RAC has been concerned about ways in which they are used. Our earlier concern about these guns has been more then vindi-cated by the judge's decision."

Leicestershire may get new

Leicestershire gets an extr constituency under provisions recommendations issued toda by the Boundary Commission for England.
At present it has eight cor

stituencies and part of on other. The commission recon mends that it should be repre sented by nine, the new constituency of North-west Leice tershire being formed from parts of Loughorough and Bosworth.

Big changes are also pre posed for the Rutland and Stamford constituency, with amalgamating
The commission Rutland Melton. already recommended Stamford should form part 0 a Lincolnshire constituency.
The proposals are the lates
in a general review of boun
daries.

Lavatory dash costs £30

A motorist's high-speed dash to the lavatory cost him £30

suffering from diarrhoea, magistrates at Barnsley, South Yorkshire, decided to let him off lightly. Mrs Mary Thompson, the chairman, told him:

"In view of the circumstances and shall only fine you 130 the pools. She said: "I always we shall only fine you 530 and left the borses alone."

yesterday. In his rush, Lawrence White, a company director, drove through a police
radar trap at 90 mph.

But after hearing that he was
suffering from diarrhoea.

magistrates at Earnsley. South home that day, but like a lo

of people running small com-ranies I could not offord to take the time off work. [az not a speed merchant and hare been driving for 25 years with

Police chief asks blacks for help

Home Affairs Correspondent

Sir David McNee, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, spoke yesterday of the respon-sibility of black people to do something about law breakers in their midst. He also expressed concern about difficulties facing those investigating the Deptford fire, in which 13 black people died, and the state

of race relations in London. In an address at St Lawrence

has in its midst some who offend against the law then it is as much their responsibility to do something about it as it is mine—in the same way as it is my responsibility as commissioner to root out dishonesty and corruption within the Metropolitan Police." Sir Posici Metropolitan Police". Sir David also drew attention to the difficulties inhibiting the in-

Where the black community who started the Deptford fire period 1973-78.

died in it. A report was on its way to the Director of Public Prosecutions, who would decid? what to do.

Sir David's address coincided with the release of Home Office statistics of serious offences recorded in 1980.

Homicides recorded included many associated with fires started deliberately; 47 deaths vestigation into the Deptford tragedy in his speech.

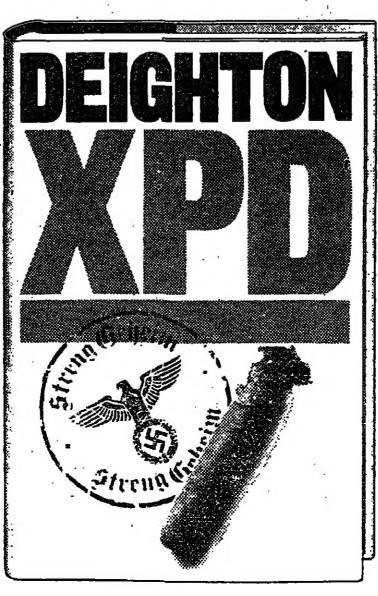
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Scotland Yard yesterday dismissed as conjecture sugges- 23 deaths occurred in the ewry, London, Sir David said: tions that the person or persons fires in the Hull area in the

Here is a book cram-full of hands-shaking meeting between virtues. Let me list them higgledy piggledy. The writing. If this were a mainstream novel, critics crying "Marvellously sensitive" would indicate that the writing alone justified the work. As it is, caught up in the splendidly strongly told story, you hardly notice the innumerable felicities. Then there is the character drawing, ranging confidently through different societies, British, American, German, and succeeding, for example, in putting before us a thoroughly unprepossessing conman in a way that cannot stop us liking him as we like a good friend. Shifts in relationships, subtle and slight, are handled with equal skilfulness.

Then there is that special characteristic of the espionage novel, the presentation of curious, hardto-learn facts, here done as well as ever it has been whether of behind-scenes Russian activity or sub rosa Whitehall. But what about the dialogue? It is deliciously sharp and flawlessly accurate. Plotting? The book is a breathtakingly clever to-and-fro duel between the British secret service determined to suppress a

Churchill and Hitler in 1940, even if it means XPD (expedient demise) for someone, and equally ruthless opponents. And that's a pretty terrific plot, too... And I still have not mentioned the overall intelligence that seems to spark out from almost every line.

H.R.F. Keating, The Times



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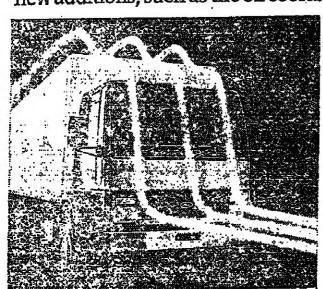
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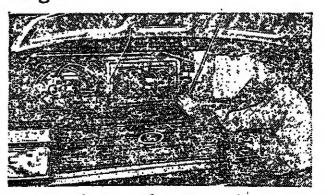
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Sir Roger: Questioned Soviet

Sir Roger given Canadian secrets

By Our Foreign Staff The allegations against Sir Roger Hollis brought swift,

worldwide reaction. In Ottawa, it was disclosed on Tuesday that Sir Roger was given security "confidences" while on a visit to Canada as an MI5 intelligence officer. Mr Robert Kaplan, who as Solicitor-General is the Cabinet

Minister primarily responsible for Canada's internal security, said in Montreal that he would be briefed by his departmental officials on just what intelligence was given to Sir Roger.

"What is known is that he was treated to confidences of the security of Canada". Mr Kaplan said. He would not say whether Canadian auroorities now suspect that that intelligence was passed to foreign

In the Commons on Tuesday, Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Prime Minister, said his recollection was that Mr Igor Gouzenko, who defected from the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa 35 years ago, told a Royal Commission about a mole inside MIS.

Sir Roger went to Canada to interview Mr Gouzenko in 1945, soon after Mr Gouzenko defected with documents revealing the existence of a large Soviet spy network in

Moscow Radio was quick to describe allegations that Sir Roger Hollis was a Soviet agent as a " concoction " aimed at stirar a control of the line and spurring on the arms race (Michael Binyon reports).

In an English language broad-cast for overseas listeners on Monday the radio said the circulation of the allegations through the news media was being used as a pretent for another round in the arms drive and to expand the network of the Intelligence services.

The broadcast was heard only on Moscow's overseas service and was put out surprisingly swiftly after publication in the Daily Mail of the charges against Sir Roger.

Thatcher bid to calm the fears

Ey Fred Emery Political Editor

The Prime Minister, in her statement to the Commons today on the allegations against Sir Roger Hollis intends to try to reassure the nation about the present state of the secret security services.

She expects to discuss the issue at this morning's Cabinet meeting, and then make what is described in Whitehall as substantial attempt to deal with the wider matters reported in Mr Chapman Pincher's book Their Trade is Treachery.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher's statement is being prepared on the basis of a report by Sir Robert Armstrong, Secretary of the Cabinet, but the Prime Minister is authoritatively said to have seen several unnamed officials since her return from the EEC summit at Maastricht. In those Whitehall quarters it is claimed that the timing of the Prime Minister's statement is related to the publication to-day of Mr Pincher's book, and that the serialization in the Daily Mail alone is not being

There has, however, been no disposition in official quarters to deny the substance of Mr to deny the substance or wir Pincher's statement, Concern not to vilify dead men unnecessarily is of secondary importance.

relied on.

In attempting her reassur-ance, Mrs Thatcher will be in a position to say how long she has known of the allegations and why she made no attempt to deal with them at the time of the Commons furors over Professor Anthony Blunt in November 1979

November, 1979. was confirmed by the usual Whitehall sources that Mrs Thatcher received a letter from Mr Jonathan Aitken, Conservative MP for Thanet, East, in January, last year, detailing the allegations. The sources would not say whether Mrs Thatcher had known of the matter before then. The impli-cation of their hesitance is that

she was not told. Mr Aithen has called for an inquiry into those who re-cruited Sir Roger on the ground that there may even now be second-generation moles in the secret services. In Whitehall there is no confirmation that Thatcher will agree to any

new inquiry. She, as is usual, will be taking steps to inform former prime ministers and the Leader of the Opposition of the contents of her statement before she rises in the Commons

shortly after 3.30pm. The former prime ministers apparently involved in the investigations of Sir Roger included Mr Edward Heath and Sir Harold Wilson. The Hollis affair: The 'Daily Mail' text

Tom Driberg was a double agent, Chapman Pincher says

This is the third instalment of the Daily Mail's exclusive account of "The Hollis Affair". The Times is republishing this material by agreement with the Daily Mail.

Tom Driberg, or Baron Brad-well juxta Mare, as he was to become in 1975, was perhaps one of the most extraordinary and certainly most colourful agents that MI5 have ever

· His cover was never less than brilliant. Some may have sus-pected that he worked for the KGB (which he did as well) but no one ever guessed that the man who was to become Chair-man of the Labour Party was on the payroll of the Security Services.

The man who always stood on the far Left of his party did so because MI5 had, while he was still a schoolboy, infiltrated him into the Communist Party. His life thereafter was but a brilliant lie. brilliant lie.

It was while he was at Lancing College that his "agent runner", the late Maxwell Knight, well known for his BBC structed him to join the Brighton branch of the Com-

He continued as a member of the party while at Christchurch, Oxford, and was still a member when he joined the Daily Express in 1928.

However, MI6's hopes of em-ploying him as a long-term agent inside the Communist Party was soon to collapse. In 1941, reports from an MIS agent with the code name M8, crossed the desk of Anthony

Blunt was asked by the Russians to try to establish the identity of M8 bur failed to do so. Subsequently he was told by his Russian controller that Soviet intelligence had discovered M8. covered M8 was Driberg. With unusual clumsiness, the Russians alerted Harry Pollitt,

the General Secretary of the Communist Party about the spy in his camp. Because of this tip he summarily expelled Driberg from the Party. Nevertheless, though the Rus-

sians knew about Driberg, MI5 continued to use him and his value soared when he entered Parliament and was able to report on the activities of MPs on both sides of the House. After the war, the KGB knowing of his MIS connexion, tried to use Driberg to feed false information to mislead British Intelligence. To this end they persuaded Harry Pol-litt to induce him back into the Party as a clandestine member, something which Pollitt assured Driberg was already the posi-tion of several other MPs. Driberg reported the whole episode to MIS and was told to keep the channels to Pollitt

After Driberg visited Moscow in 1966 to see Guy Burgess about the possibility of writing a book about him, he reported had asked him to provide infor-mation to them about the internal proceedings of the Labour

He was well placed to do so after having been elected to the National Executive in 1949 where he remained until his retirement from Parliament in

As Labour was not in office, MI5 had no commitment to it, so it was agreed that Driberg could report what he liked about his own Party to anyone since no official secrets were involved. In return he pro- some are or have been helpful mised to use his connexion with the KGB in MIS's interest

whenever possible.
The Russians gave Driberg
two identical brief-cases. When he handed one containing his don they handed him the other. banknotes.

Reports went to Russia and MI5'

Under agreement with the security authorities, Driberg was supposed to give all the money, as well as copies of his reports, to MIS. Over a period of several years he handed in wads of notes amounting to many thousands of pounds, but there seems to be little doubt that he began to retain more and more of the money for himself.

Driberg reported at length philandering, as well as on political activities.

To swell his information, he lent his flat to Parliamentary colleagues, including ministers, for lunch-time trysts. He invariably made subsequent searches in the hope of discovering the identities of ladies who had been taken there. On one occasion, after lead-

ing the flat to a senior col-league, he found an envelope in the handwriting of a woman MP, which he recognized. He then had the effrontery to accuse the colleague concerned of risking damage to the Party by causing what could easily have become an open scandal.

Driberg. Both MI5 and the KGB benefited from Driberg's activities. MI5 was able to extend its knowledge of crypto-Communists in the Labour Party machine as well as in Parliament. The Russians were able to extend their list of those with character weaknesses who might be susceptible to blackmail.



Lord Bradwell: Brilliant cover.

The Hollis affair: 2

MI5's fat files on 60 Labour members

self into a highly sensitive posi-tion in the Home Office. She

had been interrogated and had

named Floud as her recruiter.
Wilson, told that there was

serious suspicion against Floud

involving Communism and pos-sibly espionage, gave permis-sion for Floud to be inter-viewed so that the security authorities could judge whe-ther his activities had been no

Floud was interrogated clos

ly for two weeks during which

he denied any connexion with

the KGB. Then, on being shown evidence, he claimed that he

could not recall it.

The MI5 men suspected he was still in touch with Soviet intelligence but told him that if

he confessed his past activities

and could convince them that he was no longer involved they would not object to his

Floud did not react to the

offer, even after prolonged thought, so he was interviewed

again. This produced nothing further and while MI5 could

not give him clearance, they

needed to persist with the ques-tions and inquiries for a little

in October, 1967, Floud went home, wrapped himself in a

blanket with a gas poker, turned on the tap and killed

From Their Trade is Treachery,

After an unproductive session

ac wintment.

longer.

himself.

more than youthful follies.

Sir Martin Furnival Jones, others including a woman who "If the Russian Intelligence Service can recruit a backbench MP and he climbs to a Ministerial position, the spy is home and

He did not make that remark without case evidence to back

MIS and Special Branch acting on information provided by defectors and by surveillance of Sowiet Bloc intelligence officers, have far files on more than 60 Labour MPs and on a score or so of Labour Peers.

Such files indicate that while to the Soviet cause for money, sometimes coupled with threat of blackmail, the majority are ideological agents of influence, giving their assistance because they are secret members of the Communist Party.

An instructive example of

suspected Soviet penetration of the House of Commons concerns former Labour MP for Acton, Bernard Floud.

In 1967 Harold Wilson wanted to make Floud a junior Minister and it is standard practice that if a Prime Minister wishes to give office to an MP, MI5 is specifically asked if it has anything to his detriment. In this case there was plenty.

It was known that Floud had been recruited to the Soviet cause at Oxford by James Klugmann, a Communist best-known for his activities at the rival Iniversity of Cambridge. published this week by Sidg-Floud, in turn, had recruited wick and Jackson, £7.95. University of Cambridge

In the context of Driberg's Guy Burgess should not have What has not been appreci-

with the blessing of both MI5 and the KGB! MI5 knew that the book would be a disinforma-Operations Executive and to name some of the people who had worked with him. This Driberg succeeded in doing. tion exercise, controlled and checked both in the preparation and the proof stage by the KGB. MI5 also knew that Dri-

berg would submit the proofs to it for vetting and that, there-fore, it would be party to the In the book, Burgess denied he had ever been a Russian spy, and Driberg ended the book by stating that he believed him. This was a blatant falsehood by the manuscript before publication, which in all innocence

In the event, Driberg's book it, but MI5 was not too both- Burgess had told Driberg, the ered with this because they authorities now had evidence helieved they got a worthwhile which could lead to the arrest trade-off as well. which could lead to the arrest and prosecution of Guy Burgess

on the private lives of his most senior ministerial colleagues including some close friends, and on other MPs, men and women of all parties, given to philandering, as well as on the context of Dribergs of the Surgess should not have double agent effort for MI5 and the KGB, the circumstances no actual evidence against him to hold him and MI5 was terrified, knowing that he hated living in Moscow, that he might suddenly return one day, swan around Britain, cocking a snook This material went not only to the Russians, who could use it for recruiting purposes, but to MIS as well.

What has not been appears at both the security services berg travelled to Moscow to see and the British public.

So Driberg's task was to preparing the book, he did so induce Burgess to recall some So Driberg's task was to induce Burgess to recall some details of his brief time in the highly secret war time Special

> The publishers, Weidenfeld and Nicholson, were totally unaware of the part they were playing in this extraordinary game of bluff when they were warned that they risked prosecution under the Official Secrets Act unless they removed the censored parts of

they duly did. Astonisingly at the time, should be ever return to Britain there was no real reason why because he had committed a effectively irightened on.

It was an extraordinary episode from which nearly everyone gained. Dribers made money; both out of his publishers and out of the funds of KGB and MIS. The KGB was happy because it managed to out across its story and MIS

provable breach of the Official Secrets Act. So Burgess was effectively frightened off.

nappy pecause it instages to put across its story and MIS was contented because it used this device to ensure that Burgess himself was never able to return to Britain. Burgess died aged 52 in 1963, lonely and homesick in Moscow, lonely and homesick in Moscow, perhaps only guessing how just as he had betrayed his friends, so Driberg had betrayed him.

As with many double agents, Driberg was suspected by MIS of doing more for the Soviet block than he admitted in his regular debricking. They in

block than he admitted in his regular debriefings. Then in 1969 the Czech defector Josef Frolik, who laid information against several Labour MP's, gave specific information about a senior Labour MP who was a homosexual, had been recruited by Czech Intelligence and had the code-name "Crocodile".

Frolik described how the Czech Intelligence man in London had been smartly censured by the KGB for approaching Driberg because "Crocodile" was already their man. Frolik, who had seen "Crocodile" but did not know his name, identified him as Driberg from a spread of photographs shown to him by MIS.

Driberg was therefore taxed with this information by the

to him by MIS.

Driberg was therefore taxed with this information by the MIS case-officer handling him. "Have you ever done anything for the Czechs?" he was asked.
"I have written them a few articles", he replied with a

strug.

Under questioning, however, he admitted that he had sold to the Czechs additional information about the internal squabbles of the Labour Party and personal scandals about who was sleeping with whom.

"All harmless stuff", Driberg insisted with his usual charm.

He admitted that he bad con-He admitted that he bad continued to do this while Chairman of the Labour Party in 1958 passing the information to his Czech controller whom he knew only as "Vaciav".

'Curiosity over the peerage'

about the danger of giving the Russians any information which had not been passed by MIS, there was nothing the security authorities could do or wanted to do, in view of the scandal which open knowledge of the way they had employed the Labour Party chairman would

create.

An opportunity for MIS to dispense with Driberg's services had arisen during the premiership of Harold Macmillan, who had discovered that several MPs, mainly Tories, were being run by MI5 agents.

The MI5 chiefs were told that

this was no longer permissible and the MPs were all paid off with the exception of Driberg, who refused to desist. He continued to report information to MIS even after he had been elevated to the Lords as Lord Bradwell, being known in MIS headquarters as "The Lord of the Spies ".

The award of a peerage to such a notorious homosexual, who had admitted to another MP, Woodrow Wyatt, that he had once enjoyed the favours of a House of Commons employee in the Members' lavatory, was also a cause for public curiosity. While the award was made by Harold Wilson, osten-sibly for Driberg's devotion to the Labour Party, it had been requested by his friend Michael

Lady Felkender explained to me that Foot felt sorry for Driberg because he was going blind, a fact confirmed to me by another of his friends, Mervyn Stockwood, the Bishop of Southwark. Foot, apparently, had never asked for an honour on behalf of anybody before and Wilson felt that he could

not refuse.
Inquiries after Lord Bradwell's death in 1976 convinced MIS that he had been controlled primarily by the KGB since the end of the war, partly because he may have been blackmailed, but mainly because he had moved farther to the Left.

The KGB had plenty of incriminating photographs. He had even been caught in a homosexual situation with

homosexual situation with Burgess when he visited him in Moscow and was shown the photographs as an extra
"inducement", as he reported
to MIS on his return.
To his friends Driberg pretended that because his homo-sexuality was so well known photographs, however revealing would be useless as blackmail.

In reality this was far from being the case, as Driberg well All the KGB needed to do was to post prints of the pic-tures to various influential people and to newspapers and

The publicity would have made it impossible to continue to support Driberg' immunity from arrest, for his propensity for committing homosexual acts in public places remained an offence. It would also have ended his political career.

It would have been no more than just if Driberg had been betrayed, for the overall verdict on him-in journalism, politics contained enough lies and slanders against MI5 and the
political system of the West
for the KGB to be pleased with many years bardly justified Michael Foot's postmortem tribute that "he never budged

magazines.

from his Socialist convictions".
Chapman Pincher and Associated Newspaper Group.

Conflicting reasons given for the eclipse of Herr Schmidt

trough, which is difficult to de-fine. The superb operator who normally meets and deftly tackles each problem as it comes seems strangely inactive. The once confident leader, who would firmly state his policies,

is unusually quiet.
One impartial observer re-marked: "It is as if he had lost his initiative, almost as if he were losing the leadership."

As the Chancellor retreats

into the background, the limelight is being taken by Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister and Vice-Chancellor, with statements, in-terviews and important visits to Washington Washington Washington, Warsaw and-next

week—Moscow.

It has become fashionable, hough superficial, to remark that Herr Genscher, not Herr Schmidt, seems to be running

the country.

Has Herr Schmidt lost his touch or is he deliberately just ticking over for the time being? Those around him give con-flicting reports. Some say he has retreated into himself, em-birtered at the lack of support from his own party, but others —including his own staff—say he is relaxed and in good spirits, but disconcertingly in-active.

From Patricia Clough

Bonn, March 25

What is the matter with Herr
Helmur Schmidt, the West German Chancellor?

Herr Schmidt cooms to be

There appears to be no evidence to support suggestions ing our against his nuclea dence to support suggestions ing our against his nuclea dence to support suggestions in gour against his nuclea dence to support suggestions in gour against his nuclea dence to support suggestions in gour against his nuclea dence to support suggestions in gour against his nuclea dence to support suggestions of that he is suffering from that he is suffering participations in gour against his nuclea dence to support suggestions of the feeling that are necessarily compared to the support suggestions of the support suggestions o Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor?

Her Schmidt seems to be going through a political trough, which is difficult to define. The superb operator who

Herr Kurt Becker, the Chancellor's spokesman and confi-dant, angrily denies that Herr dant, angrily demes that held Schmidt is either inactive or withdrawn. "That is quite wrong", he says. "I cannot see any basis for that in the Chancellor's daily engagements."

Whether real or merely per-

Whether real or merely per-ceived, the change in the Chan-cellor's style appears to have much to do with the increasing criticism and opposition from within his own Social Democrat

Party.
Opposition from both the right and left wings of the Social Democrats lock like preventing him making a highly advantageous sale of tanks and other weapons to Saudi Arabia, and will almost certainly compel him to scrap a deal to sell two submarines to Chile.
While these are questions on

two submarines to Chile.

While these are questions on which the Chancellor appears prepared to give way, there is increasing resistance on subjects on which he would rather resign than budge. Two junior Cabinet ministers recently supported a left-wing move to question the party's support of the Nato missiles policy and Social Democrats in northern

There appears to be no evi- Germany are increasingly com

Sources in the party believ Herr Schmidt is biding his tim in the hope that these interni problems will blow over.

Diplomatic observers, hor ever, suggest that the Charcellor is aware that he is proably in his last term of office and that he will be unable t fulfil long-rerm aims. His pa fulfil long-term aims. His paticular personal bitternet towards Mrs Margaret That cher, they believe, is not do so much to the fish dispute a to the feeling that by being a difficult, she is thwarting his hopes of seeing a closely kn and well-functioning Europea Community. Community.

Community.

The Free Democrats ar deeply worried about the it stability of their bigger coal tion partners and the lack of firm hand. Herr Genscher, is implied, has had to fill vacuum. Once troubleson partners, the Free Democra are now doing everything the can to encourage harmon are now doing everything the can to encourage harmon among the Social Democrats.

"But", said one, "this process of erosion cannot go on f. ever. Something will have happen soon or everything w fall to pieces."

Returning heroine tells Police chief why she said 'No'

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
Mrs Margaret Thatcher told
the Commons yesterday that during the EEC heads of government meeting at Maastricht, Holland, on Mouday and Tuesday she spent most of the time on fishing issues saying "no" and doing so "rather vehemently".

Mr Michael Foot, the Labour leader, told Mrs Thatcher that as long as the Government as long as the Government the legitimate interests of this country over the fisheries dispute, it would have the fullest support of the Opposition.

Mrs Thatcher told the Commons and doing so "rather told the Commons that other European vehemently".

"no" and doing so "rather vehemently".

It did not take much reading between the lines of her statement to realize that Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, must have been heartily sick of the sight of the Prime Minister by the time he returned to Bonn.

Be that as it may, Mrs Thatcher was greeted as some sort of returning heroine yesterday by Tory MPs and was even awarded a grudging, albeit reluctant, welcome by Labour politicians. Indeed, there was little else but fish on the Com-

little else but fish on the Commons menu for the Prime

Fishery interests in the Com-Fishery interests in the Commons spread far and wide, crossing all party barriers and MPs left the Prime Minister and Mr Peter Walker, who will carry on the battle in Brussels on Friday with his fellow agriculture ministers, in no doubt that there will be deep trouble for the Government if there should be any backtracking.

mons that other European countries wanted Britain to agree to rhe conclusion of agreements with Canada and the Faroes, which would benefit the German fishing industry, but would harm Britain's. Either of those agreements would have meant substantial imports of fish into Britain. The Prime Minister said she could not possibly agree to the

conclusion of those agreements without having a European fisheries policy, Britain, she said, was in the dock for not agreeing to con-clude those third party agreements, but no agreement could be reached unless it was sup-ported by the home fishing industry.

Her aim at the summit meeting was to prevent agree-ment being concluded in isola-tion from a European fisheries policy. The British fishing industry was already suffering from sufficient imports of fish without having to risk having

British feelings about fish

Political Editor Deep scepticism that there is a sufficient political will among Britain's EEC partners to conclude a fisheries agreement was expressed in authoritative quarters in Whitehall after Mrs Margaret Thatcher had spoken in the Commons

yesterday.
The British Government was willing to negotiate as long

as there was a chance of agreement, it was said, but the blame was pointed at France for supposed obstruction. Mrs Thatcher, according to these quarters, deeply resented the conflicting charges that

she had somehow "sold out It was insisted that she had been as awkward as was feas-ible in protection of national interests. She was apparently baffled

why she should have been accused of "chearing" West Germany by Herr Helmut Schmidt. It came ill of him to say so, she apparently feels, when Britain had tried so hard to reach agreement. It was also pointed out that Britain hopes to henefic as much as any other EEC nation,

had Nazi propaganda material From Our Own Corresponde

Bonn, March 25 A nationwide search by We

German police for neo.N. propaganda material has led a substantial find—in the hou of a police chief. Herr Erust-Albrecht Lohm ler, head of the criminal

vestigation department at Rec linghausen, in the Ruhr, w suspended from his duties tod The Dortmund public pro-cutor in charge of investi-tions said: "I was horrifi when I heard about it." P ceedings would be open against Herr Lohmiller suspicion of spreading unce stitutional propaganda a racial incitement.

Police sources said that He Lohmüller is the father of Bundeswehr reserve officer w defied a ban on wearing mittary uniforms at the funeral Grand Admiral Karl Donitz t last head of the Nazi Th Reich.

The police found large qualities of Nazi propaganda marial and antisemitic publication in raids on about 450 hon throughout West Germany y terday. They also seized unlicensed guns and pistols. The police said the raids co firmed suspicions that the mat rial, printed in the Unit States and Canada, was bein distributed throughout We Germany by the peop

involved. Herr Erwin Schönborn, a 6 year-old publisher was Frankfurt today sentenced two years and eight months jail for composing entisemit leaflets and letters.

Greek ship sinks

Lisbon, March 25.-Th Greek cargo ship Rio Brav caught fire and sank yesterda about 600 miles south-west (the Azores islands, the Ports including Germany and France, from a European fishing agreement with Canada.

guese news agency reported to day. All 27 people on boar were rescued.

Israel defied as Lebanese Gulf war in miniature troops patrol UN zone

costs 20 lives From Our Own Correspondent Beirut, March 25

At least 20 people were re-ported killed and 50 wounded in the incient eastern Lebanese city of Baalbek today when rival militias supporting Iran and Iraq fought each other in the streets. combatants,

The combatants, using machine guns and rocket launched grenades, set fire to several buildings in the city, which boasts some of the finest Roman remains in the Middle East.
Gunnen of the Shia Muslim
Amal militia, loyal to the
Iranian revolution of Ayatollah
Khomeini, were involved in

battles through the day with forces from the Arab Socialist which has fought similar pitched battles with Amal in Belrut. Baath Party, a pro-Iraqi group It was probably inevitable that this proxy version of the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq would at some stage break

out in Baalbek since the city's population of 100,000 are predominantly Shia Muslims, Irag has poured money into Shia housing projects in Leba-non and thus has its own follow-

ing among the community.

The governor of Baalbek appealed this afternoon for Syrian troops to intervene in the fighting in order to rescue children and teachers trapped inside a secondary school near the city centre.

From Robert Fisk Arzoun, Lebanon, Undeterred by the anger of Major Saad Haddad and the displeasure of the Israedlis, the Unite Nations force in southern

Lebanon is giving regular Lebanese soldiers increased responsibility for security in thed Unite Nations zone just six miles north of the Israeli frontier. Lebanese troops are now patrolling the narrow, hilltop roads of southern Lebanon for the first time in six years, often the first time in six years travelling without United Nations escorts. This policy of Lebanization has come on the personal initiative of Major-General William Cal-

laghan, the new Onites
Force commander.
The 700-strong Lebanese
Army battalion stationed belaghan, the new United Nations Arzoun, in an area nominally controlled by the United Nations Senegalese battalion, is carrying out regular mobile patrols under United Nations command. Supported by their own Saladin armoured personnel carriers, the Lebanese dtroops are trying—in however mil a way—to show that their country's sovereignty can ex-

tend once more into southern Lebanon. nally supported the deployment contingent.

of Lebanese troops in th United Nations zone and ha undertaken to reequip Lebanese Army with America weapons, If Israel continues t object to the presence of thes soldiers, the White House coul find itself in an embarrassin position.

The United States gave great

encouragement to the Lebanes

to rebuild their shattered Arm

after the 1975-76 civil war. 300 the White House is unlikely b take kindly to its mutilation by American weapons supplied b Major Haddad by the Israelis This forms the background to the extraordinary episod-last week when Haddad Militia using artillery given them by Israel, shelled United Nation positions round the village of Kantara, killing two Nigeria troops and wounding 15 others Two more Nigerian have since died from their

wounds.
The Lebanese Army had been ordered into Kantara by General Callaghan and the bom bardment was Major Haddad: way of ordering them out Major Haddad's pirate radio has been trying to smeat General Callaghan as a racist for some days now and United Nations officers believe an attempt is also being made, by The new policy represents a innuendo in news reports write considerable military and political gamble by General Callaghan. The United States originately in the United Nations 1

BBC says jamming costs Moscow £60m

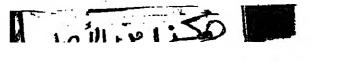
By Ian Bradley more in five or six days jamming of foreign broadcasts than the BC Russian Service costs to

Service costs £900,000 a year In an effort to beat the jam- summer time on April 1. run in a year, according to mers, the BBC will on Sunday calculations revealed by the BBC yesterday.

American engineers have estimated that last year the Russias spent about £60m on the year. It will replace three last year.

The BBC Russian Service which first started in 1946, has been jammed for 19 of its 35-year history. Jamming was most recently reintroduced in August last year.

jamming while their network of separate evening transmission The Soviet Union is spending jammers cost about £100m to The new transmission will more in five or six days jaminstall. The BBC Russian take account of the fast that Soviet Union will go over to The BBC Russian Service.



President clips Mr Haig's wings

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, March 25
Mr Alexander Hain, the
Secretary of State, has lost his
first public skiemish with the
White House, He declared pub-

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en for the

licly yesterday that he dis-approved of a proposal that Vice-President Bush should be put in charge of crisis management, and said that he was not satisfied with the present, sistem of making decisions on foreign policy. In the evening, the President announced that Mir Bush would get job, not Mir

amounted to a public rehuke for the Secretary of State. of the sting away this after-noon by telling reporters that "the Secretary of State is my primary adviser on foreign affairs, and in that capacity be

for this formulator and breezinski, President Carter's flict between Mr Haig and Mr Spokesman for foreign policy for this Administration". The fact remains that Mr Haig has suffered a serious reverse and that his standing in the Government of the formulator and the way Mr Allen. If Mr Allen had been put first Secretory of State was destroyed by Dr Henry were, Mr Haig would have research it. The Vice-President. that his standing in the Gov-ernment, and rharefore abroad,

has suffered.
Some of Mr Reagan's most senior assistants in the White House thought that Mr Hoig House thought that Mr Haighad been taking on altogether too much responsibility. He has repeatedly claimed that he is in charge of foreign policy, under the President's direction, that he is the "vicar" for foreign affairs.

He clearly wanted to avoid being subverted by Mr Richard Allen the President's National Security Advisor, in the way

Security Adviser, in the way Mr Cyrus Vance, then secretary of State, had his authority undermined by Mr Zbigniew

Kissinger,

Mr Haig submitted proposals for the organization of foreign policy on almost the first day of Mr Reagan's Administration. The White House staff, including Mr Allen and Mr Edwin Messe, the councilor, succeeded in stopping this preemptive strike, and now the Secretary of State has been publicly rebuked for questioning the President's authority. The State Department said last night that he had no intention of regioning.

Mr Bush was made chairman of the emergency committee precisely to avoid a sharp con-

who was once director of the Central Intelligence Agency and headed the American missions to the United Nations and to China, seemed a well-qualified compromise.

The Secretary of State was not enthusiastic, and made the mistake of letting his lack of mistake of letting his lack of enthusiasm be widely known. Some observers see his dispute with Mr Bush as the first round in the race for the Republican nomination in 1984, if Mr Reagan does not run again.

Mr Haig's defeat is partly a victory for Mr Allen, but is more of a victory for senion and very conservative members of Mr Reagan's staff.

Appeal to Mr Reagan not to arm Unita

From David Cross Washington, March 25 Senhor Andre Gonçalves Pereira, the Portuguese Foreign Minister, roday became the larest in a line of allied government leaders to come to Washington to exchange views on international problems with the new Administration.

During talks with Mr Alexander Hoig the Secretary of State, Senhor Concaives Percira was expected to urge the Administration not to assist Dr Innas Savimbi, the leader of Unita, the last surviving antinunist guerrilla movement

in Angola,
President Reagan and his President neagan and foreign and defence policy advisers have already made it clear that they would like to help Unita in its continuing struggle against the Government in Luanda supported by the Soviet Union and Cuba. They are taking steps to ask Concress to repeul an American law forbidding aid to rebels in Angola and Dr Savimbi is expected to be allowed to visit Washington shortly to canvass

former African colonies such as Angola and Mozambique by offering economic sid to the governments in power irrespec-tive of their political colour.

The Administration has already upset a number of black African governments in recent weeks by its tilt towards South Africa. The 50-member African group at the United Nations issued a statement last night saying that it would "not ac-cept the development of the policy by the present American Administration in favour of the

racist regime of South Africa." The statement said: "Such a trend can only encourage state Priorism practised by South Africa, racist opposition and repression of the black people in South Africa, perpetuate the continued illegal occupation of Namibia and generally harm United States-African relations for which the Government will solely responsible."

This angry reaction by black African governments comes ofter remarks by President Reasan suggesting that he might favour closer relations with Pretoria, as well as a world of illiteracy, hopelesswith Pretoria, as well as a mess and want, they found it highly publicized and embar-impossible to break away. rassing incident involving Mrs. Jeane Kirkpatrick, the American representative at the United Nations and a five-man delegation of senior South African military intelligence

The State Department first denied that members of the South African delegation had met any senior American Administration officials. Official contacts between military offi-

chals of the two countries have been forbidden on American soil since 1963. Later, however, the State De-nartment acknowledged that members of the delegation had met Mrs Kirkpatrick.

American and Portuguese For-eign Ministers were also expec-

ted to begin consultations for the renewal of the American lease on the use of the Laies air base in the Azores, which is due to expire in 1983. Senbor Gancalves Pereira was also expected to hear from

Mr Hair about Washington's view of East-West relations in all its aspects, from El Salva-

Herr Hans Apel, the West German Defence Minister, was German Defence Minister, was also in Washington today at the conclusion of talks with Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Secretary of Defence. Herr Apel was under pressure to reassure the new Administration that plans being worked out in Bonn to cut government expenditure would not hamper allied defence programmes.

defence programmes. During talks at the Pentagon vesterday. Mr Masayoshi Ito, the Japanese Foreign Minister, said that Japan was determined "to fulfil its responsibilities for world peace". Never the less, a spokesman made it clear later than Japan would set its own level of military forces and would not take part in collective Western defence efforts.

Uganda gunmen attack Obote HQ and bomb Kampala power supply

Nairobi, March 25

Kampala and the whole of western Uganda were plunged into darkness when anti-government groups damaged the main electricity supply line from the Owen Falls bydroelectric Owen Falls hydroelectric station at the source of the Nile last night.

In other attacks around Kam-pala the broadcasting station on Bugolobi Hill was damaged, and armed men sprayed the ruling Uganda People's Congress head-quarters with machinegun bullets, wounding two party

Four heavy explosions were heard by Kampala residents, and telephone services were interrupted for several hours. The Uganda Freedom Movement claimed responsibility for today's attacks. A spokesman for the underground group, telephoning from Uganda, said they had planned to make the attacks earlier this week, but

had delayed them because leaders who must bear re-President Siaka Stevens of sponsibility Sierra Leone had been visiting The explosions in the Kam-Uganda,

The movement claimed res-ponsibility last month for a series of attacks on police stations in Kampala. Its leaders have not been identified but it is thought to support Dr Yusufu Lule, who was President of Uganda for 68 days in 1979 immediately after the over-throw of President Amin,

One of the underground groups, led by Mr Yoweri Museveni, a former minister, has recently claimed to have carried out attacks on military targets. In a statement received yesterday, Mr Museveni said his People's Resisistance Army

his People's Resisistance Army
was sure of success because it
is backed by the public.
He accused President Obote
and his ministers of conniving
at murders and other crimes
committed by the Ugandan
Army, and threatened to carry
the attack to the political

pala area occurred shortly before midnight. The main damage to the electricity supply was caused about 10 miles east of Kampala, diplomats said to-

day,
At Bugolobi Hill, 10 men in two Land Rovers attacked the radio station, killing three members of the army guard

The road outside the radio station was stained with blood and scattered with broken glass today.

The attack on Uganda House, the Congress headquarters in central Kampala, took place soon after 9 am. After spraying upper storeys with machinegun bullets, three armed men in a Land Rover drove off at high high speed, pursued through central Kampala by troops. The attackers' driver was hit by a bullet, but the vehicle apparently got away. Seven people were arrested later.

Civil servants sharply criticized

Jid for his cause. Portugal, however, is trying to improve relations with its active strategy on poor

From Charles Hargrove Paris, March 25

A year last February Presi-dent Giscard d'Estaing met Father Joseph Wresinski, a Franciscan friar, who has devoted his whole life to helping the under-privileged in France.

Father Wresinski founded the movement, Aid To All Distress

—Fourth World, to help more
than a million French people
who eke out a miserable existence outside the bounds of

Ris concern at the Elysee visit was especially to draw the attention of the President, who had on many occasions in the past given support to the movement, to the fact that all the elaborate policies of social assistance and redistribution had often failed to benefit those who needed help most. Because

The upshot of that visit was the setting up of a working party, chaired by M Gabriel Oheix who is a member of the Conseil d'Etar and former government delegate for employment, to draw up a report on the problem, which has just been given to the Government.

The report does not contain any analysis or statistics of poverty in France, but lists seven priorities and 60 different proposals, some of which break distinctly new ground. One of them proposes the setting up of a fund, financed by a "soli-darity contribution" and paid by wage earners who enjoy stable employment, like civil servants. It is also suggested that gambling be taxed as well as outward signs of wealth, some of which, according to the report, are regarded as a challenge, if not a provocation " by

From Alan McGregor

Geneva, March 25

dire poverty in France. Chari-table organizations like the Secours Catholique, the Secours Populaire Français, the Salva-tion Army and the Petris França des Payures apports Frères des Pauvres report a dramatic increase in requests for assistance since 1978.

The increase in unemployment and the rigidity of French bureaucracy are partly respons-ible. "The French social system is perfect". M Oheix was recently quoted as saying, "if you satisfy the whims of the average government offi-cial". Many cases of acute need recorded by these charitable organizations are because of the failure to obtain due

As Le Monde writes, the Oheix report is a sharp indictment of the French administration by this working party of senior civil servants, who accuse

it of "secreting poverty".

The report begins significantly with a quotation from Ernest Renan to the effect that "there is no greater injustice than to handle equally things which are

The bureaucratic machine handles marters blindly and bears a heavy responsibility in the aggravation of the situation of individuals as a result of the suspension or cessation of the payment of benefits for simple administrative reasons ".

The report suggests among other things that social security officials "should adopt towards the least privileged an active strategy like that of firms towards markets they have de-cided to conquer". It recom-mends a fundamental change in administrative attitudes by allowing for the payment of benefits prior to the production of proofs to entitlement. It also suggests the creation of a social income which would be paid to those who do not have access to the different kinds of social benefits, and it emphasizes the need for

all-out campaign against

was available through the

United Nations.

Mr Wan Zhichuan, a senior official from the Chinese Min-

istry of Economic Relations with Foreign Countries, is returning to Peking later this week after 10 days of discussions here with Undro, other

United Nations bodies, including the World Health Organ-

ization, the World Food Programme, and Western diplo-

Undro expects that Mr Zhichuan's visit may be fol-lowed soon by that of a higher

In spite of all the outward signs of the affluent society, there is still a great deal of

"A creeping disaster was
the description given by the
United Nations Disaster Relief
Office (Undro) to the effects of
drought and flood in China
when it issued an official appeal yesterday for relief

"It is not a dramatic situation", an official said. Initial contacts last December reflect the Chinese Government's desire, in applying its

new open door policy, to avail lowed soot itself of whatever assistance delegation

Marce, has been "invited" to take early retirement after an attempt last month by a condemned murderer to escape.

M Bance, who cannot refuse the suggestion, is leaving with a bad grace, claiming that he is being made the scapegoat for tailures higher up in the prison administration.

administration.

a presidential pardon. Making use of a gun which, it is alleged, was taken into the prison by one of his defence lawyers, he shot one wards before being cornered and disarmed. A subsequent inquiry disclosed several shortcomings

of the huge prison not equipped
with a metal detector at the
door is the high-security wing,
so when the lawyer entered the
gun was not detected.

The next mistake occurred

Only a perfunctory body check was made of the prisoner before he was sent back to his cell, so the revolver hidden in his pullover went undiscovered. Finally, the time taken to corner and discovered are to the corner and discovered. failings", three warders in the high-security wing are being moved and are losing their seniority and M Bance, after 20 years as a senior prison officer, is being pressured to take early

retirement.
Commenting on the decision. M Christian Dablanc, director of the prison service, said: "The functions of authority are not in keeping with irresponsibility. When mistakes go so far as nonexecution of orders, it is intoler-able."

Rome, March 26.—Buses, trams and the underground will

Holes found in Fresnes jail security

From Ian Murray
Paris, March 25

M Emile Bance, governor of Fresnes prison in the Val de Maroe, bas been "invited" to

administration.

The escape attempt was made on February 24 by M Philippe Maurice, who is due to be executed for the murder of a policeman if he is not granted to be a policeman in the intermediate of the murder of the policeman in the issue granted to the policeman in the intermediate of the policeman in the intermediate of the policeman in th

The defence lawyer, Maitre Brigitte Hemmerlin, who is being held in custody, has told the police that she merely agreed to take in a wrapped package to the prisoner as a gift. Ironically, the only part of the bare areas.

while the prisoner was ralking to his lawyer in an interview room. Although the law says room. Although the law says that these copversations must be private, a warder is allowed to watch what goes on between the two through a glass screen Nevertheless, the package was banded over unnoticed,

corner and disarm the prisoner has been found by the inquiry to have been too long, due to the fact that a proper warning was not given quickly enough.

As a result of these "techni-

Road chaos in Rome

come to a halt in Rome tomor-row as transport workers stage a 24-hour, nationwide strike. Traffic congestion in the capital is expected to be worse than usual and several thousand strikers plan to march through

Salisbury fears punitive Pretoria trade bars

China disaster appeal

From Stephen Taylor Salisbury, March 25

The announcement yesterday by South Africa that it is scrapping the preferential trade agreement with Zimbabwe was unexpected here and is regarded as a political move which will damage Zimbabwe's damage

South Africa is by far Zimbabwe's most important trading partner, being a convenient and lucrative export market and the source of the bulk of imports apart from petrol products. Last year about 140m Zimbabwe dollars (about 597m)

of the country's export earnings came from South Africa, 24 per cent of the total amount excluding gold revenue.

With the rermination of the agreement, which was drawn up in 1964, South Africa will put heavy tariffs on Zimbabwean areas for example foodstuffs, there is a ready market elsewhere in Africa but been scrapped. Zimbabwean-produced clothing, textiles, furniture and electrical goods, which are significant

foreign currency earners, will be badly hit. imports pose less of a prob-

lem. Zimbabwe has been casting about for new trading part-ners since independence and has found that some motor vehicles and a wide range of machinery are more cheaply obtainable elsewhere.

A Zimbabwean delegation. goods, it is believed in eco-nomic circles here. In some routine discussion on the agreewhich had been expecting a

An economist said: "It was completely unexpected and was obviously politically motivated. The agreement has been mainly to South Africa's benefit over

Meanwhile, the Zimbsbwe conference on reconstruction and development went into its third day in a mood of near

Yesterday, 21 countries—including the donor heavy-weights—announced their contributions. Today representatives of 18 countries took the podium to pledge 68m Zim-babwe dollars. This, said the spokesman, increased the money available to the Government from the time it launches its three-year economic plan in July to 898m Zimbabwe dollars, of which 813m was specifically for reconstruction and development projects.





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Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader (third from left), discussing plans for a four-hour strike to be held in Bydgoszcz, northern Poland, on Friday,

Polish talks go into second day

Warsaw, March 25.—Solidarity, the free trade union federation, today obtained an adjournment of negotiations with the Polish Government, accosing it of being totally unresponsive. The Communist Party's Politburo promptly called a meeting of the party's Central Committee for Sunday, the official PAP news agency the official PAP news agency reported, to examine the party's

rasks in face of the present situation.

Talks, which opened here this evening, were broken off after hardly half an hour's conversation. The Government had "no proposals to offer" to an extremely detailed list of union demands, one Solidarity sleader, said todation that all that Microslaw Rakowski, a Deputy Prime Minister had had to offer Montester words. They would have made "a good article in Polityka."

The dialogue is to resume to morrow, although no hour has yet been set. If so, it will be only a day before a scheduled four-hour national strike in protest at incidents in the northern city of Bydgoszcz last week, in which 20 members of Solidarity were apparently injured by the police. which 20 members of Solidarity were apparently injured by the police.

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Mr Walesa told reporters that the sort of signal from the si

Mr Walesa told reporters that the talks ended swiftly becauses Mr Jerzy Bafia, the Justice Minister, had failed to present a reply to the union's demands. The Warsaw talks were held enainst a background of mounting tension in Poland.

State radio said there was only enough food to last for another 12 days, and national relevision broadcast a statement by Pope John Paul II in which he expressed his deep concern about the state of his home-

counts cost

price rises

The decisions of EEC min-

isters of agriculture who meet on Friday for the annual farm

price review, may have import-

ant political repercussions for

The low price increases for agricultural products, proposed by the European Commission.

are already causing acote em-

barrassment to the Greek Gov-ernment which faces a general

election due in the autumn. The right of centre Govern-ment of Mr George Rallis was, counting on immediate and sub-

stantial benefits to the farmers from Greece's entry into the

community, in order to offset the effects on the electorate of high inflation and the ordinary

The Commission's recommendation for furm prices to be raised on average by 7.8 per cent can hardly compensate for inflation which soared to 25 per cent in Greece last year, twice the community average.

Mr George Rallis, took advantage of this week's summit at Masstricht to press for higher increases (between 15 and 18 per cent on average).

and to oppose the extension of the coresponsibility levy to surpluses of Mediteranean com-

The Prime Minister's argument that the Community's

policy would result in a fall of

wear and tear of office.

From Mario Modiano Athens, March 25

Greece.

Greece

of farm

police brutality at Bydgosze ore among a list of stiff con dizione Solidarity has laid don

in negotiations.

A state radio commentar said: Talks conducted unde strike pressure cannot lead to an honest harmonization o views, but they do paralyse thauthorities."—Agence France Presse and Reuter.

War games go on: The East German official ADN new agency said today the Warsa Pact manneuvres in and aroun Poland demonstrated the all ance's readiness to defeat "a enemies of socialism" ar made clear the war game would go on for several mo: days.—Reuter.

Man accused

of Moi plot

says he was

Njonjo agent

Mr Andrew Muthemba, age

Air Addrew Muthemba, age 45, a Nairobi businessma accused here of plotting to ove throw President Moi. was satioday to have decied any plugainst the president.

A statement allegedly mac

to police by Mr Muthemba, whis accused of treason, was rea to the magistrate who is con

ducting a preliminary inquir into the charge, and into

charge of misorision of treaso

against another man, Mr Dickson Muiruiri, Both are member

In the statement read to the

inquiry today, Mr Muthemi said he was a cousin of A Charles Njonjo, Kenya's Mi

ister for Constitutional a: Home Affairs, He claimed !

was engaged in "undercovwork" for Mr Njonjo.
"My major aim was to pro-

beyond reasonable doubt the there was smuggling of arms at ammunition from the arm

forces", his statement adde "I did not fear being acrest

In his statement, he said l

frequently met Mr Nionjo, ar also Mr Ben Gethi, the polic

commissioner.
The statement was made a

the police special branch head

quarters here on February 2? the court was told.
In it, Mr Muthemba allegedle said he had been investigatin

suspicions that soldiers wer

selling arms to "bandits". H

said he had got in touch wit a Kenya Air Force captain an had pretended that he wante to obtain arms, in order t

carry out the investigation. Earlier, Captain Ricky Gatu cha had given evidence of maes

ings with the two accused men who he said had told him the

had connexions with an influen

tial group, including Mr Njonja

because I was doing my duty my country."

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of the Kikuyu tribe.

Army's role in countering ETA accepted by Basque leader

From Richard Wigg Madrid, March 25

Señor Leopoldo Calvo Setele, the Spanish Prime Minister, obtained the cautious support of Señor Carlos Garaikoechea, the Chief Minister of the Basque autonomous regional Government, for a limited involvement of the armed forces in combating terrorism in the

in combating terrorism in the Basque country, when the two men met in Madrid today.

But Señor Goraikoechea clearly indicated that the Basque Nationalist Party government was against declaring a state of emergency. He also insisted that the authority of the regional government must the regional government must be upheld. Senor Calvo Sotelo, engaged

in selling Monday's package of tougher anti-terrorist measures to the Basque leader, also sought greater cooperation in matters of information to fight the ETA terrorists.
Señor Garaikoechea insisted

Senor Garakoechea insisted that the best antidote to the ETA remained the introduction of an autonomous regime in the Basque country "without any breaking up of the unity of Spain". He claimed that the Prime Minister had assured him that transfer of powers by Madrid to the Basques would not be slowed down. be slowed down.

The Basque leader later met Senor Alberto Oliar the Defence Minister, to be briefed on the extent of the armed forces' surveillance operations along the French border. Señor Oliart later told foreign

correspondents that the basic purpose of using some army units was to make the frontier "more impenetrable". The Army would not be employed in the interior but only a few miles from the border.

Sr Anthony, Newfoundland,

March 25.-Rainbow Warrior,

the boat chartered by Green-

peace was seized today and two

members of the conservation society arrested for spraying

baby seals with green paint.

Ocean Ministry official, said Mr Christopher Bruce Robinson

of Canada and Mr John

Beeiman of The Netherlands,

were arrested as they were

daubing the baby scals with

paint so that their for would

Under Canadian law, only people holding a special permit, or accompanied by a fisheries ministry official, are allowed to

get closer than half a mile to

The arrests came as licensed

Canadian and Norwegian fishermen took the annual scal

cull into its third week. The

hunt is expected to produce about 250,000 skins.

Two other people on board the Rainbow Warrior, were also believed to have been

arrested. They were not iden-

The Ocean Warrior was seized for violating Canadian fisheries laws which impose a

12-mile offshore territorial limit. The two conservationists were taken on board the Baf-

fin, a Canadian oceanography

vessel monitoring the Rainbow

Warrior's movements. Two of-ficers from the Baffin took charge of the Rainbow Warrior, making for St John's, New-

The authorities have appealed to villagers in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, not to approach and endanger hundreds of baby seals stranded nearby. Their mothers might flee if they picked up human scents — Agence France Prasses

scents.—Agence France-Presse and AP.

North Sea rig disaster

Stavanger, March 25.—As-many as 35 bodies are believed to be still trapped inside the

Alexander Kielland North Sea

platform nearly one year after its collapse with the loss of 123.

oil workers, the authorities

bodies still trapped

be useless.

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foundland.

Mr Jim Hunt, a Fisheries and

Rainbow

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is seized

This would free the police and Civil Guard for a more effective fight against ETA terrorists. "But the Army is not going to fight the terrorists directly", the minister pledged.

Asked what would be proper it could not blame the Basque Govern-Asked what would happen it army, units were attacked by ETA guerrillas, he said that troops would use their arms only as a last resort if attacked

and then promptly hand over those detained to the Civil Señor Oliart rejected the idea of promoting to senior posts in the armed forces officers of known democratic sympathies.

That was not the way for democracy to be strengthened, he said. Officers should be promoted strictly according to professional qualifications Asked about the possibility of another coup attempt by the military. Señor Oliart replied:
"That will only occur over my

dead body."
Military intelligence would have to be "restructured" as a result of last month's failed coup, he added.

One company of the Army's Special Operations Group was sent from the Burgos command today to start surveillance of the frontier.

The Civil Guard also tigh-

tened controls at frontier posts with France and the first of soven naval vessels to be redeployed arrived in Pasajos port, near San Sebastian, to patrol the Bay of Biscay.

Before the meeting, Senor Garaikoechea expressed "very lively concern" that the limited tasks given to the armed forces in the frontier zone "could signify the beginning of a growing presence of the armed forces in the Basque country".

He also argued that if the

From Jacqueline Reditt Seoul, March 25

ing their votes.

South Koreans went to the

polls today to vote for a new

276-seat parliament. Despite persistent rain and fog, the turnout was high, with more than 75 per cent of the nearly

21 million people eligible cast-

The results will show how

strongly the electorate supports President Chun Doo Hwan, the

former army strongman turned

politician. Most political observers expect his Democratic

Justice Party (DJP) to emerge

as the majority party and President Chun told the coun-

try in the last days of cam-paigning that it would be "con-tradictory" of the electorate to withdraw its support for him, after voting him into the presi-

dency last month.
In February Mr Chun's sup-

porters won an overwhelming

victory in electoral college elec-tions and Mr. Chun finally gained more than 90 per cent

of the electoral college votes.

But the opposition parties hope to make a better showing in today's voting and their main campaign appeal has been the need for an effective Opposition

to top South Korean poll

not blame the Basque Govern-

ment.

His party called for amendments in the enabling legislation, due to be approved shortly by the Cortes, regulation of states. ing the proclamation of states of alert, emergency, and siege. The present draft ignored the existence of a civil power in the autonomous regions, he

The police today continued the round-up begun yesterday of people suspected of close links with the ETA's military wing. More than 40 people were detained, including some members of the Basque regional parliament, mayors and local councillors of Herri Batasuna, the extreme left-wing Basque nationalist grouping, several of whose members are former ETA militants. Unlike other Easque political forces. Herri Batasuna refused to take any stand over last week's murder of two army colonels in the Basque region and Navarra. The Spanish inner Cabiner at

meeting on Sunday and Monday under Señor Calvo Sotelo considered banning extremist parties, it is now learnt. This move might include not only Herri Batasupa but also extreme right-wing movements

such as Fuerza Nueva.

The Cabinet apparently decided against the ban for the present. The police are applying in their raids last year's anti-terrorism law under which terrorist suspects can be held incommunicado for up to 10

the Opposition, not because

they are against Chun, but because they want to see a balanced parliament", one civil

DJP officials have pointed out that there is no danger of the President's party totally dominating Parliament, since under the electoral system, no

one party can gain more than 55.4 per cent of the seats. But they have not pointed out that the majority of the more than

100 independent candidates are

considered to be pro-Govern-

ment and that the other parties are to some extent approved opposition, in so far as 550 former politicians were banned

from all political activities by a

political renovation committee last November.

The main parties bidding for

parliamentary seats are the DJP, the main opposition Demo-

cratic Korea Party, the Korea National Party, composed mainly of supporters of the former Park Chung Hee regime,

the Civil Rights Party and the

A number of small parties are likely to fold after the

elections since under the new political party law, they must be dissolved if they do not win

Democratic Socialist Party.

"I think many of the middle at least one seat or 2 per cent class intelligentsia will vote for of the votes cast.

servant said.

the real income of Greek farmers, was promptly invoked in a counter-attack by Mr Andreas Papandreou, the leader of the Opposition, whose Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) favours withdrawal from the EEC. President's party expected

Mr Papandreou said : "Mr Railis now denounces strongly the Community's agricultural policy for harming the interests of the Greek farmers. Yet, until the official ceremony for Greece's accession to the EEC. his main argument to the people for joining was the positive con-sequences that the common agricultural policy would have had on Greek agriculture."

What has compounded the problem for the Greek Govern-

They had asked him to obtain arms, he said. The hearing con tinues. Panda's wavelength

Peking. March 25.-Scientists bave fitted radio transmitters around the necks of two giant pandas, a male and a female, problem for the Greek Government is that after three record barvests this year's crop is likely to be affected by poor official Xinhua news agenty

Record pirates condemned From Our Correspondent

Geneva, March 25

The degree to which piracy f recordings with its large profits has been taken up by orga-nized Crime was underlined by Mr John Hall, QC, director general of the International Federation of Producers of Phonograms and Videograms. He was addressing a confer-

ence on piracy of sound and audiovisual recordings, held at the Geneva headquarters of Aipo, the world intellectual property organization.
Mr David Gibbins, the federa-

protecting recordings. Illegal products were often smuggled or covered by false customs declarations. In Italy, a piracy centre about 1,600,000 unauthorized

duplicates-mostly cassettes-were seized and 66 duplicating plants raided in the past three years. Overall, counterfeits represented sales running into many bundreds of millions of dollars a year. Mr Lo Man-hung, Hongkons

customs superintendent, said that one counterfeiting studio found there contained 115 castion's director of anti-piracy sette recording desks all con-operations, deplored the low nected for simultaneous record-level of enforcement of laws

Court delays West Bank settlement drive has been in his family's pos- entitled "Stealing Land in the abroad would consider this pro-From Christopher Walker

Jerusalem, March 25
For the second time in a

week the Israeli High Court referred to a panel of three has delayed the drive by the ruling right-wing coalition and individual settlers to increase a time of mounting internal the size of Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank before the June general election.

As the result of an appeal on behalf of a 73-year-old Palestinian landowner living in Bethlehem, the court has issued a temporary injunction prevening any further Israeli work on a plot of farmland which he claims was illegally seized last month to expand the settlement

of Alon Shvut.
The order was issued by Mr
Justice Moshe Coben and effectively freezes the situation on the disputed plot which was recently forcibly fenced off by a group of Israelis from the settlement. The Palestinian claims to have documents prov-ing that the land—now par-tially covered in grapevines —

session since the Ottoman period. The case has now been

criticism of the methods employed by the West Bank mili-tury administration to speed The case was one of nine separate appeals by Arab landowners now before the High Court involving more than 2,600 acres of disputed land.

Last week the Jerusalem-based court issued another temporary injunction to ban fur-ther Israeli excevation and demolition work in 750 acres of countryside near the West Bank

town of Anabra.

The military Government had by then built a 700-yard access road to the disputed property without permitting local Arabs the statutory 21 days to ap-

peal against the seizure. In an angry leading article

Territories" the respected independent Hebrew daily Racretz has launched an attack on what it scathingly dismissed as "the quasi legal trick" now being used to acquire new land

for Jewish settlements.

The paper described how the military government's new method is to declare the required territory state land a control of the state land a contro thus allowing residents claiming ownership only three weeks to contest the decision before a military appeals board. The leading article emphasized that this is not a judicial tribunal but a committee of lawyers serving reserve duty who are subject to military discipline and who can in any event only make a recommendation rather than a binding decision. "The Arab residents are not

ligent man either in Israel or a contemptible system.

cedure a valid legal method The paper then quoted criti-cism of the system made in a recent interview with Mr Hain Cohen, the Israeli Supreme Court judge who retired earlier this month this month.

"We administer Judea and Samaria merely as trustees" the former judge said. "It is ele-mentary that a trustee who takes for himself the property of the trusteeship is committing an act of larceny — and one of the ugliest kind."

Urging any future Labour Government to review the pro-cedure of creating "state land which the military administra-tion can then dispose of its it chooses. Huaretz concludes:

"It is a mark of discredit that the Government of Israel

needs recourse to these kinds given the elementary opportunity to prepare their cases before the committee ... " the
leading article says. "No intelleading article says. "No intelliagon was given in Israel on a contemptible system."

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Ethnic TV helps to break down national barriers

Australians tune in worldwide

From Douglas Aiton Melbourne, March 25 Since its inception in 1956, Australian television has often been thought of as the worst in the world, but now it appears that things are changing. Ethnic television was intro-duced in Melbourne and Syd-ney last year and it is already winning strong praise from hitherto sceptical viewers and

Nearly half of Australians, Nearly half of Australians, used under 20 have parents who were born outside the country. Immediately after the war, "New Australians", although encouraged to come here to settle were year. here to settle, were very much in the minority and were reated as second class citizens.
Now, such are the numbers
of immigrant Australians, they are a strong force in Austra-lian society and evidence of this is being felt in many areas. Most immigrants have a European background, usually Italian or Greek, but there are many from South America and South-East Asia.

Ethnic television has been one result of the increased influence of the immigrants and all Australians are beginning

Eritish MPs reacted strongly

three-line whip to ensure the

speedy passage of the Bill, expected next month, to en-dorse the patriation of the

Canadian constitution, together

with an amending formula and

Such action was clearly envisaged by Mr Jean Chretien, the Canadian Justice Minister,

vho addressed the Canada Club

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, he aid, had repeated many times

hat when the request is made by Ottawa, the British Govern-nent "will act promptly according to precedent and the aw". This, he said, was the

this, he said, was the spe of statement of intention thich the Canadian Government welcomed, and which ccorded with tradition and

The Tory whips have not yet

een given instructions, but it an he assumed that the Bill ill be sponsored as a Govern-

ient-backed measure, which ill entail mustering Conserva-

ve MPs in force to get it

But many Conservatives say ey may defy the whips be-use, although Mr Chretien lks of "tradition and conven-

on", it is quite unpreceden-

d that such a Bill should me forward with eight of the

) Canadian provincial govern-

Here the argument turns on

hether Westminster has a

rardianship or trusteeship le in relation to preserving

federal structure

A Commons select committee,

a report published in nuary, argued that Westmin-

er had a role to ensure that

y request from Ottawa "con-

ys the clearly expressed shes of Canada as a whole ".

Mr Eldon Griffiths, Conser-ive MP for Bury St Edmunds

d a member of the select

nmittee said last night:

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uld be using a sledgebammer

tackle a not and would

ture widespread resentment

the party. Many of my col-

gues will support the view

the select committee, before

om the Foreign Office wit-

ises were pale and uncon-

sir Bernard Braine (Essex, nh-East, C) said: "Since

il Parliament has never been

ed to take sides in a serious istitutional dispute raging in 1ada." British MPs had been

ed to maintain a balance ween the federal and pro-

cial governments in Canada.

would be wrong to impose hip, he said.

ir Peter Mills (West Devon.

said: "We have a guardian-prole which was thrust upon

by Canada in 1931, therefore

must take notice of the vincial (Canadian) objec-

he Labour whips said that

Bill through without proper

ussion, there would be it trouble. The Liberals say will support a "properly

the Lords, whips on both

s say there could be serious usition to the Trudeau pack-

with the possibility of

s introducing petitions on

alf of dissident provinces.

r Chrétien last night denied

the Trudeau proposals

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rnment in Canada: "That

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yesterday to the prospect that the Government will impose a

Tory MPs

may defy whips over Canada

By George Clarke Political Correspondent

to feel its benefits, although only about 3 per cent of view-ers choose to watch it. Its audience, however, is regularly increasing.
Ethnic television was once

considered an election stunt by the Fraser Government, as it the Fraser Government, as it is almost entirely financed from government funds.

But five months after it started going on air in Melbourne and Sydney, it is no longer called "hasiy, extravagant, ill-considered and an election stum", as it was variously described during last year's election campaign.

year's election campaign.

Ethnic television has been carefully developed by Mr.

Bruce Gyngell, an experienced broadcaster, into an alternative not only to the largely frothy offerings from the other commercial presents. mercial networks, but also to ABC, the Australian equivalent of the BBC, which has a ten-

dency to be dull.

The result has been some superlative viewing, particularly of films and documentaries from parts of the world seldom a showing in Australia, also e as South America, know and Western Europe, beyond of the most widely States.

acclaimed programmes have come from Eastern Europe.

The news service has also impressed by giving an international coverage. The biggest problem has been the acceptance. problem has been the necessity for subtitles. There are 12 full-time and 40 part-time people working on subtitles alone. It is an extremely complex literary and technical process taking 30 hours for each one hour of

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Early indications are not only that all this effort is worth while, but that Charnel O. the ethnic channel, will perhans alter the entire pattern of television viewing.

Apart from offering a genuine elternative, Channel O is also belping to break down national barriers while broadening neople's perceptions of the world. An added bonus is that the changel is proving to be extremely popular with deaf

Ethnic television is not only attempting to provide television of exceptional quality, but it is also enabling Australians to know a world that extends beyond Britain and the United

Concern in Delhi over Pakistan

India has expressed to the United States its "grave con-cern" over the supply of a large quantity of arms

The Indian Foreign Ministry

Mr Narasimha Rao, the Foreign Minister, told Parliament today that he had personally conveyed his concern to the United States Embassy in Delhi.

Mr Rao said that India always wanted Pakistan to be portionate to requirements. its actua

He, however, rejected an MP's demand for a regional ters, saying that this was likely to prove likely to prove counter-productive. But he told the House that India had agreed to take part in a preliminary meeting of foreign ministers of the region to be held soon.

ing away from making a strong protest to the United States against the arming of Pakistan, Mr Rao said: "Our concern should be judged from the fact that arms supplies in the past had usually resulted in a setback to normalization within the subcontinent. All these years, we have been assuring Pakistan that India poses no threat to its security. We have also advised it against

Mr Rao again said that Pakistan had rejected India's offer of a non-aggression pact, saying that normalization could be attained through the Simla agreement signed between India and Pakistan after the Bangladesh war in 1972.

acquisition of arms, he went on. The fact was that with the "Soviet adventurism" and pro-tecting vital Western interests in the Gulf region, the United States was likely to supply to Pakistan a variety of advanced weapons including aircraft, tanks, auti-tank missiles and air

defence systems.
United States spokesmen had referred to the possibility of supplying arms to Afghan rebels, though Pakistan had said it would not allow its territory to be used for this purpose.
"While noting this statement", Mr Rao said, "we would like to make it clear that an active participation in building up a ticipation in building up a 'security consensus' in terms of great-power rivalries would

Nuclear explosion: Mrs Indira ster, said today that if the need

Parliament to a question why India had not carried out further such explosions as that in Rajastban in 1974.

inventor awarded \$31m

warding judgment to Mr Knut

in various courts since 1972. It was not known if Munsingwear would appeal.—UPI.

USarmsfor From Kuldip Nayar Delhi, March 25

Pukistan and over the militarization of the Gulf region.

also summoned early this week the British High Commissioner and the West German Ambas-sador in Delhi to express its unhappiness over the West's arms supplies to Pakistan,

stable, which meant that it should have enough arms to defend itself, but the quantity of arms being acquired by Pakistan seemed to be dispro-

Denying that India was shy-

an arms build-up since that creates unnecessary tension".

India could not be equated with Pakistan in the matter of

sions that Pakistan had made while joining the non-aligned movement in Havana."

was felt for setting off another nuclear explosion for peaceful purposes we shall go ahead Mrs Gandhi was replying in

Dr Raja Ramanna, the direc-

tor of India's Atomic Research Centre, told foreign correspon-dents on February 3 that India had no plans to set off another nuclear explosion.

Suspender belt

Los Angeles, March 25 .-Norwegian immigrant who invented a suspenderless suspender belt for his wife was awarded \$31m (£14m) yesterday by a federal jury which found that a clothing company stole his idea.

The jury heard eevidence for six weeks and considered its verdict for two days before

awarding judgment to Mr Knut
L. Bjorn-Lersen, aged 58.
It found that the clothing
company, Munsingwear, of Minneapolis, had intringed on the
inventor's patent when it began
marketing the Hollywood Vassarette, described as a garterless girdle that is still on the market.
The case has been pending

Malaysians lead move away from British universities because of higher fees

From David Watts

Ortawa, March 25

stitution.

The Government has stated

that .Anglo-Canadian relations

will be severely strained if

Westminster refuses to comply

with a request from Ortawa

to patriate the Canadian con-

In a report made public last night by Mr Jean Chrétien, the

Justice Minister, the Govern-

ment said Britain had no choice

but to accede to such a request.

rebuttal of one published earlier this year by a British House of Commons committee, headed by

Sir Anthony Kershaw. The Ker-

The report was essentially a

Britain to other countries, and the Thai Government is quietly reducing the number of students countries it is not yet clear what will be the effect of higher charges for foreign students being introduced at British universities this autumn but the increases are likely to mean fewer enrolments from the less

well-off countries. There is bitterness at what

at the last general elec-

Singapore, March 25 sooner reality is faced the bet-Malaysia will shortly set the ter. That does not, however,

Malaysians have been the most outspoken. With the largest foreign student contingent in Britain, estimated at 17,000, Malaysian officials are due to meet next week to consider alternative countries for the higher education of the country's brightest pupils.

Datuk Musa Hitam, the Malaysian Minister of Education, has said he is "fed up" with making representations to the Brit-ish Government and he, and his officials, are looking for alternatives in the United States, Australia and New Zealand. The situation presents parti-cular problems for the Malaymore pressure for a better deal

The universities of Kent and Sussex have had representatives in the country making t ben pitches : asserting that British higher education was still the best available and that with three-year courses in British universities and four-year cour ses in the United States over all costs were probably not that

Prudence Glynn

Trust William to strike a cord with teenage girls

Buying books for tecnage girls is almost as difficult as buying clothes for them; almost because nothing can compare with the horrors of wasting time and money, the lack of purpose and clear direction and the cultural shocks sustained in the course of vetting what certain stores deem suitable for young women when they are not wearing jeans and yet another sweat shirt.

Buying books can never be a waste of time. and the ones worth reading can all be found under one roof if that roof covers an efficient shop, so feet ache rather more from standing instead of traipsing — a less vicious sort of ache. On the other hand, the choice is no less baffling once you leave the literary equivalent of the jeans and sweat shirt (Black Beauty, Emma) and launch yourself into a special occasion number. As the special number droops unworn in the wardrobe, a living reproof to your bad budgeting, inanc social aspirations and above all, your shape, so on the shelf rest dustily all sorts of well-intentioned and seasonally timed gifts of the written word. They have not been opened, let alone read in the bath.

There seem to be overcome. The first is the very natural, humane and delightful desire to pass on to another the knowledge of something, written, spoken, made, which has brought pleasure into your own life. But remember those smashing school yarns, written and read in perfect innocence, which cause the generationgapped listeners to fall about with laughter and say that being in love with the games mistress is not necessarily a bad thing. Books on hobbies and recreations are another snare. I have had to find out the hard way that the genre of Exmoor Lass and Other Pony Stories lacks a certain edge now that thieving gypsies who once nabbed your pony would now be after your Metro.

The other problem in choosing books for girls is encountered by those parents and assorted literature-givers who feel that, to prove themselves ageless, they have to know by insight what the young read. That is a great mistake. Intelligent young people look to adults for different opinions, a wider choice, and not competition on whose mental can glean ideas of what they want to know particularly as the vision of O levels — a very precise discipline - show in the whites of their eyes. They ask if you have read To Kill a Mockingbird (yes, but all hopeless old romanties like me only remember Gregory Peck in the film) or Journey's End.

This is the moment which calls for stern comment. Forget Gone with the Wind when prepping up on history and read Forever Amber, just as well written, better researched. less nostalgic and biased. Not such a good film, though. Thus it was with a certain sense of delight

that I received an unexpected book, Goodnight Mister Tom intended for teenagers, Mind you, nobody concerned with its presentation had said so, and the jacket hovered somewhere between Just William Strikes Back and Lark Rise to Candleford, So. gave it to a teenage girl for comment.

qualified, both by immediate reaction to its looks (Ugh) and to its story line. Nor was I impressed by the name of the author and the fact that she was an actress, Michelle Magorian A fancy, fey name, no good on the stage or how did she have time to write! Nor hid my impressions improve when I went to interview the tyes, resting) author, because her stage name is Mikki Magorian, Fake unisex names alarm me far more than dear old romantics like Barbara Cartland, (Barbara Villiers, Lady Castlemaine, Duchess of Cleveland, mistresses of Charles III.

Names are a great precursor of reputations: infortunately they cause the cynical to form immutable preconceptions about how they will look and be So I expected to find Michelle Magorian

tiny, elf-like, failed as an actress, Irish and aiming her book like an elephant gun at anyone who came within peppering range. Well, she is tiny, far from elf-like tone of

ter recent parts was a tecnage interpretation of Humpty Dumpty, and she is, to be frank. very small and round, and what is more her eyes are circular and so is her face). But she seems to me to be bouyant in her profession. She indubitably is Irish/Welsh and she knew precisely for whom she was writing this, her first full length work.

Since she sees herself as an actress as an

interpreter between the author of the script and the audience, it is not surprising that her book puts her in much the same role. She often plays parts much younger than her real years — Goodnight Mister Tom is for and about much younger people — and she insists that it is imaginative, rather than autobio-

She lived a comfortable if peripatetic life as the oldest (she is 33) of four children born to a "a very respectable, tea-on-the-lawn" mother and a naval father from the Irish labouring class and was educated in a convent.

William, the little boy in her story, brought up in a nasty home in the East End of London and is evacuated to "Candleford" to the care of an elderly single male. The terrified how and creeky pensioner discover each other's lonelines while daffodils and lambs heal the urban sores. The decrepit Bible-thumping mother (Miss Magorian is a lapsed Catholic) summons the boy home and nearly kills him.

There are the added horrors of a new-born

illegimate haby hidden in a drawer and given to the brutalized little boy to nurse. The baby dies, authority is cruel to be kind. After the arrival of the elderly man plus faithful dog. the child returns to the arms of nature, healing friends and the great soft overwhelming wings of love. The end is ambivalent, as all good ends should be - you make of it what

The message is clear: love and courage and good can still win. Miss Magorian insists that her adult characters are not just black and white, but are, as we all are, mixtures, which modern children accept.

The teenager who read it for me thought it was a marvellous book, exciting and real—"Of course she put tape over the baby's mouth to stop it crying" comprehensible, not patronising. She loved the country allusions, which are now strong in

I was saddened that 40 years on the lessons to society of the maltreatment of children seem to have made so little progress, and hope that the lesson of love and individual care above state welfare will strike a chord in the next generation. Perhaps they will.

'Kestrel Books, £5.50

Escaping the duplicity of words

There is something very un-English about mime, that ritualized self-parody of exaggerated movements, as if too embarrassing for northern tastes. At least, that was true until a few years ago when leachers or performers of mime were doomed to ragged audiences and draughty halls and none of the adulation they were used to receiving in Europe and America.

Then in 1978 an American mime performer called Adam Darius, who had studied under Russsian emigré teachers, written his act, like Peter Brook, across the Third World, and performed before Emperor Bokassa, settled on London as the place to found a school of mime. His hunch has proved right: today there is fierce competition for a place on the gruelling course, £400 fee and a 9.30 - 6.30 day. The venture was made possible by Adam Darius's partner, Marita Phillips, a blonde and graceful girl, herself Russian ancestry, who started the school on private money and now makes it pay.

It is not mime as we know it. Rather, a day-long session of limbering up, with classes in acting, jazz, make up and commedia dell'arte to give the students a kind of physical fluidity and loss of self. Though he also teaches the classic forms of mime,



some scorn. "Illusionary mime", he says, "is visual ventriloquism, a form of theatrical deceit. Indian

mime is purely depictional". His own style, he says, can be thought of as method miming, "organic emotions expressed from within thereby freeing the psyche while controlling the physique." Certainly, it is fine to

Assuming that a certain amount

of preparation is possible earlier in

the day, or the previous evening,

number of possibilities present

themselves. A luxurious quiche

made with asparagus or smoked salmon does not take long to heat

up, and, served with green salad.

which should be well varied and

well dressed, can be relied upon

not to give anyone nightmares. Soup followed by cold meats

(served at room temperature not

straight from the fridge), with new

or sauté potatoes and a tomato salad, is another fuss-free choice.

Smoked trout or a fish mousse

followed by creamy herb ome-

lettes, or a soufflé (prepared in

advance up to the point of beating

the egg whites) are more am-

Small fillet steaks with a green

peppercorn and herh sauce are

even grander. With this dish I

would offer fresh fruit or a

Marita Phillips and Adam Darius: a gruelling course.

Adam Darius talks of them with watch an extraordinarily controlled and rhythmic display, no movement that does not flow from the one that preceded it neither quite dance, nor theatre, nor acrobatics.

Few of the students have done anything of the kind before. They are all over 17 and come out of a desire, says Adam Darius, to escape the duplicity and deceptiveness of words. Increasingly, too,

actors, teachers, opera singers they have started to feel the need for the kind of total expressiveness allied to ferocious discipline over their bodies that only punishing routine can give.

It is not an easy life. To miss a class by being late is to be barred from Adam Darius's own mime session — there are 10 teachers in all - and to miss too many of those is to forfeit the final

During their three months the performance for graduation. Adam Darius, a feathery man seemingly made of rubber, is a punctilious and exigent teacher.

The Mime Centre goes by the lofty name of Academy. If it looks seedy — a church hall in Kentish Town strung about with posters about boy scouts' forthcoming events, the students elegantly inelegant in ragged T-shirts and wool dancers' socks - the school none the less has a purposeful air of something that is really

working.
Whether or not, as he suggests. the centre is actually pioneering a new art form, Adam Darius may be right in his bunch that the English are finally ready for such

Caroline Moorehead

And so to supper



Crawford Poole

Looking up words is a compulsion born of proper caution about making avoidable mistakes which are downright humiliating. It tends to be time-consuming too, because with a decent dictionary there is so much else to read in the adjoining columns and no telling when an unlikely Scrabble or crossword winner will turn up.

pudding in preference to a first supper is not only a meal but also a verb meaning to provide with or entertain at supper. That it covers giving the last meal of the day to horses or cattle as well we will, for the present pass over. To supper one's friends after the

theatre or some other diversion is a delightful way of rounding off a pleasant evening. And if home is not too far, even more enjoyable round your own table than in a restaurant popular enough to eniov a late night rush Suppers of this kind are, ideally,

light and simply prepared - not much more than posh snacks really. Champagne cocktails made with Pimms and nothing too distinguished in the way of wine

are just the reviver to sharpen up appetites and give the cook 15 minutes in which to perform a 2 tablespoons peanut oil modest miracle.

The Times Cook

Shona

It was thus I learned that

course, and suggest a moist orange almond cake. Of the dozens of versions of steak au poivre, this is my favourite. Whether the steaks are small or thick, you should be able to fit all six into one decent sized frying or sauté nan

> Steak zu poivre Serves six 6 fillet steaks

tablespoons green peppercorns teaspoon dried thyme 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary teaspoon dried tarragon

l tablespoon moutarde de Meaux 30 g (1 oz) butter

I tablespoon mild French mustard 4 tablespoons cognac 300 ml (pint) single cream

Trim the steaks and pat them dry. Mix together the green peppercorns. thyme, rosemary, tarragon, salt and moutarde de Meaux. Spread the mixture on both sides of the steaks. Heat the oil in a heavy frying or

saute pan and when it is hot, add the butter which should melt and froth quickly. Before the butter starts to burn, add the steaks, and as soon as the first side is scaled, turn down the heat and cook them as quickly and evenly as you can, turning them over when they are half done. There is no substitute for judgment here as the time they take to cook will depend on the thickness of the meat and how well done you like it.

A chef will test meat by pressing it with his fingers - like choosing a Camembert. It is a skill that takes practice to develop. Failing such expertise, the only alternative is to jab one of the steaks with a pointed knife and see how it is

When the steaks are very nearly as cooked as required, sprinkle them with the brandy and ignite it immediately. As soon as the flames have died down, remove the steaks to a heated serving dish. Stir the mild mustard into the pan juices followed immediately by the cream. Stir the mixture thoroughly and let it boil until reduced by about a quarter. Check the seasoning and pour it over the

Serve the steaks immediately with new potatoes, or the best green salad you can muster at this

time of year, and hot French

Orange Almond Cake

Serves six to eight 3 juicy oranges

55g (2 oz) fresh white breadcrumbs 110 g (4 oz) ground almonds

110 g (4 oz) caster sugar 4 large eggs, separated 'z teaspoon salt I tablespoon orange flower water

Finely grate the zest of one of the oranges and squeeze the juice from all three. Combine the breadcrumbs, ground almonds, and orange zest and stir in the

In another bowl combine the sugar, egg yolks and salt. Beat the mixture until it is light and fluffy, then fold it into the first mixture.

Whisk the egg whites until they hold a firm peak and fold them into the cake mixture. Pour the mixture into a shallow loosebottomed 25 cm (10 inch) cake tin which has been well buttered and dusted with breadcrumbs. Bake the cake in a preheated moderate oven (180°C/350°F, gas mark 4) for about 50 minutes.

Allow the cake to cool in its tin for about 10 minutes before turning it on to a wire rack. To serve, dust the cake with sifted icing sugar, or with a thick layer of whipped cream which may be plain, sweetened, or flavoured with an orange liqueur.

1 deserves to be laid to once and for all. Let us state bluntly and ly that the only change e to the balance of the ral system is to increase ers of the provinces—that shift the balauce in their said that the proposals been thoroughly debated in

wa; all MPs who wished

had pur their views. So

should be no doubts in

lon that the package would been thoroughly debated he people of Canada and representatives in the t now has the support of bers of Parliament from r province in Canada and apported by two political es who together received

shaw report, to which the agree on a system to amend it.

Thatcher Government has still not officially responded, sug-gested that Westminster should

take account of the views of the

Canadian provinces, in dealing

with the patriation question.

Eight of Canada's 10 prov-inces oppose the federal Gov-

ernment's resolution now before the Canadian Parliament, asking

Westminster to give Canada final control over this country's

The Canadian constitution is

still chiefly embodied in the

British North America Act of

1867. The Act is still domiciled

in Britain because the federal

and provincial governments

here have never been able to

constitution.

Wartime charges: Herr Arpad Wigand, a former SS officer

accused of ordering the deaths of Jews in Warsaw during

the Second World War, on his way to court in Hamburg

where he faces trial with two wartime colleagues. Herr

Wigand, aged 75, a first lieutenant in the SS, who served as a Warsaw police magistrate, is accused of having one

man shot who refused to give up some furs and ordering

the deaths of 50 people who were unable to work in

concentration camps. He is also accused of the deaths of

about 90 people who were being sent to the Treblinka

Britain has 'no choice' on

constitutional request

seal on a new policy to divert its students from the higher educational institutions of who will study there in future. In other South-East Asian

many in the area see as a coldblooded severing of historic ties which, in the long run, will have detrimental effects on trad-

ing and cultural links.
But this sense of bitterness is gradually giving way to the recognition that the British Gov- of alternative facilities at home eroment has no intention of -and the numbers of students different:

spending priorities.

sians, not only because of a lack

changing its policy and the involved-but because many of sooner reality is faced the berter. That does not, however,
prevent some Government minated against in Malaysia itofficials criticizing Britain's self as a result of the Governpending priorities. ment's policy of promoting For a number of reasons the Malays in all spheres of life. There is thus likely to be

> Singapore usually has about 2,000 students in Britain at any one time. Traditionally, the Government-sponsored presi-dent's scholars go to Britain and the bulk of the rest are sent privately.

Mrs Thatcher insists on overall EEC fisheries agreement

House of Commons
The Prime Minister, reporting to
the House on the European
Council meeting in Masstricht, Holland, on Monday and Tuesday, said she had spent most of her time saying "No" and saying it rather vehemently in relation to proposals on fisheries policy. Mrs Margaret Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, C) said: All those pre-

sent emphasized the need to con-tinue the fight against inflation through the pursuit of sound monetary policies. We agreed on the need to encourage productive investment, particularly in the sectors of high technology and innovative enterprise. We all share the deep concern at the high and rising rate of unemploy-ment, particularly youth un-employment in member countries. best possible use of existing funds other things, in providing ad-vanced technological training and education for youth. The clear and unanimous view was ex-pressed that short-term demand stimuli would be ineffective. On fisheries, there was an attempt to deal with outstanding arrements with Canada and the Forces in isolation but the measures to improve the fish marketing arrangements which measures to improve the fish marketing arrangements which were offered as a quid pro quo did not in my view provide sufficient protection to our industri
I insisted and it was agreed that it would be much better to deal with these external fisherics questions in the context of an appeal fisherics arrangement as we

overall fisheries settlement as wa have been trying to do for so long. It was therefore decided that the fisheries council should meet on Friday of this week to by

In our view, agreement on an overall settlement was close in the fisheries council last December. If each and every mamber

to reach agreement.

a basis which will secure the vital interests of our own fishing industry.

The heads of state and government decided unanimously to confirm the status quo in regard to the provisional places of work of the European institutions.

Poland, where the events of the past few days had naturally caused us concern. Our message once again was that the problems of Poland are for the Polish people to resolve: any other artitude than this could have the gravest consequences for international relations in Europe and world wide. So far as the economic situation in Poland is concerned. we expressed the readiness of our

junction with others and within the limits of our means, to contribute to the recovery of the Polish economy thereby complementing the efforts of the Polish people themselves.

The Council adopted statements on a number of other political subjects. We took note of the progress registered so far by the Netherlands presidency in following up the Venice declaration of June, 1980, on the Middle East.

We endorsed the statement made last week by the President of the United Nations Security Council in support of the United Nations Force in the Lebanon, to which some of our European which some of our European partners contribute. We pledged our support for any initiative likely to contribute to the restoration of Afghanistan as an independent, non-aligned and

an independent, non-aligned and neutral state.

And finally, we congratulated the people of Spain on their defeat of the recent challenge to democracy in a country which in due course we look forward to welconing as a member of the European Community.

This meeting enabled the heads of government to have a businessher. If each and every member now has a genuine willingness to figovernment to have a business-tile, it should be possible to find solutions. For our part, we are seeking early agreement on lisues facing their governments.

Minister awaits ninth Channel tunnel plan

The Government believed that the principle of the Channel tunnel there could be a commercially or the importance this will represent for a Channel tunnel sent for the railway industry. supported by private risk capital. Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Transport, said. Mr Fowler (Sutton Coldfield, C)

said that he welcomed the report of the Transport Select Committee on the Channel link, but before he responded to it he would wish to study fully the various proposals being put to him by potential promoters. That would clearly take a little time.

He hoped to be able to reach decisions of principle before the end of the year. Mr Phillip Whitehead (Derhy, North, Lab): The committee broadly endorsed the principle of n single track rail tunnel along the lines of the two railway organiza-tions. He ought to publish a White Paper as the select committee recommended so that the House

could draw its conclusions on the thinking that will lead him to the decision in principle. decision in principle.

We are looking at the eight schemes and will shortly have a ninth and I will then be in a better report. I walcome the report. I walcome the response to the report. endorsement not only of the general endorsement not only of the prin-ciple of the Channel tunnel but of the Government's policies towards

Does he accept that the BR proposal is broadly in line with that of the select committee?

will not involve any diversion of British Rail funds that would be used for more important British Mr Fowler: We have eight schemes before us at the moment, including the British Rail scheme. The select committee have been about private risk capital as I made The select committee has gone nearer to the seven metre scheme than the six metre scheme.

Sent for the fallway industry.

Sir Albert Costain (Folkestone and Hytho, C): Does he appreciate the importance of an early decision for my constituents? My constituents who were against the first scheme are mainly in favour of the British Rail proposal.

Mr Fowler: If we can find a com-mercially viable scheme there is no reason why this scheme should not go ahead with private capital.

Mr John Prescott, an Opposition spokesman on transport (Kingston upon Hull, East, Lah): Can he confirm that it is still his policy to finance this project with risk capital, with no Government puarantees?

Mr Fowler: I can confirm that we believe that there is a commer-cially viable scheme here and there is no reason why that should not he supported by private risk capital.

Mr Roger Moate (Foversham, C): Can he confirm that private risk capital for any such ventures will Mr Ronald Lewis (Carlisle, Lah): ment? Can be confirm investment

the select committee has gone clear right from the beginning. His second question is one of the tan the six metre scheme.

There is nothing between us on when considering these schemes.

Farmers' incomes down but production up

House of Lords
The Minister of Agriculture must continue to resist the revaluation of the green pound if Britain's competitive position to sell against European produce was not to he destroyed. Lord Gisborough (C) said when opening a debate on the problems fucing British

He said that positive monetary He said that positive monetary compensatory amounts had rised not because of Britain's trading strength but because of her out strength. Only a reduced laflation rate compared with the EEC average could justify a revaluation.

However, farm price increases had to be paid for. The agreement to cut Britain's budget bill ran for only two years and there was no reason to suppose that the problem of large food imports would have gone by then. Reform of the common agricul-tural policy was called for by all but there were no signs of positive proposals being put for-

One of the most important but neglected aspects of farming was marketing. Many producers had a high quality grading discipline but far too many did not. out far not many founds. A central marketing hody, like that of France or Germany, would counter some of the inreads into this country of foreign produce and help the sales of British pro-

duce abroad.

Lord Peart (Lab) for the Opposition, said the National Farmers' Union believed that agriculture was facing a crisis. The EEC farm price package from the Commission failed completely to meet the need for substantial increases in United Kingdom farm prices and adoption of the package would be disastrous for the industry.

Bettain had attributed 70 page control. Britain had attained 70 per cent self-sufficiency in a temperate type of food production yet they spent \$2,500m importing food they could grow themselves. That had to be put right. Expansion of home production was good for the national economy and a sound

national economy and a sound investment for larmers and con-They must not contemplate leaving the EEC but see what they could achieve there. We must the

said) be as ruthless as our EEC partners and if necessary occasionally even more ruthless.

ally even more ruthless.

Lord Mackie of Benshie (L)
said that high interest rates had
hit hardest at those farmers
who had been spending money
trying to modernize. Inflation
and high interest rates had done more harm to agriculture than any other factors. Lord Elphinstone (C), in a maiden speech said it was now

heing suggested that in order to cut EEC surpluses, co-responsi-bility levies should be raised. It meant British farmers were being asked nor to produce as much. This would cause distress to the sections of the industry that fell in with previous Government sugwarded for following expansionist

Lady Elliot of Harwood (C) said many EEC countries gave enor-mous subsidies to their own farm-ers. The Freach were subsidizing farmers to the tune of £450m, which was out of all pro-portion to what the British Government did. Such anomalies must be dealt with in current EEC Lord Woolley said they had to be

more realistic about the EEC. If they tried to fool themselves that they could make things work that were unworkable they were heading for disaster. g for disaster. By all means they should keep overall objectives but they must accept the hard fact that they could not implement those objec-tives in identical ways in different

Earl Ferrers, Minister of State for Agriculture, said the Government was greatly concerned that farm incomes had fallen by 50 per cent in real terms since 1976. Lates figures showed farm borrowings of E3,200m which was just about double the level in February, 1979. The recent cut in MLR could reduce farm borrowings by £150m. There was a squeeze of varying force in the farming sector throughout the EEC.

They should remember the strengths and achievements of the farming community. Last year, agricultural production reached its highest level ever. It was also the fourth successive year in which they had a record cereals havest.

although growing conditions were In 1970, they produced 60 per cent of the fund in this country which they could produce. By 1980, this had risen to 75 per cent. The common agricultural policy was not perfect and its shortcom-ings should be improved. If some member states, like the Freach, introduced national aids, this distorted competition, tended to lead

to surpluses, and meant there was mmon agricultural policy'. The debate was concluded.
The Marriage (Enabling) Bill, which removes prohibitions on the marriage of persons related by marriage, passed the committee stage. An amendment stipulating that both marriage parties must have reached the age of 21 was agreed. agreed to. House adjourned, 11-5 pm.

PARLIAMENT, March 25, 1981 Britain wants a square deal from Community Mrs Thatcher insists Britain wants a square deal from Community Mrs Thatcher insists

On Spain I fully concur with what she and the others said at the meeting and we congratulate the meeting and we congratulate the people of Spain in having rejected this challenge to their newly found democracy. We wish to do everything in our power to sustain the democratic institutions that they have established there.

On fisheries, which obviously played a big part according to the played a big part according to the reports, we reiterate what we have said on many occasions, that so long as the Government sustains the legitimate interests of this legitimate interests of country it will have our fullest support in the efforts it makes in that direction. We will watch carefully to ensure that that

Occurs.

We were a bit concerned about the interview given by one Government spokesman earlier in the week which seemed to suggest that the Government was in some way departing from the undertakings it save. I hope we will have the reaffirmation from her that the Government stands absolutely the Government stands absolutely by what it confirmed to the House before and that there will be no departure from those undertakings when the meeting takes place on We entirely agree with what she has said on many occasions, that this is a matter to be dealt with

New road signs

and markings

to be proposed

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Transport, said at question time that the revised traffic signs regulations which he hoped to lay before the House by Easter would introduce some new signs and road markings.

Mr Michael McNair-Wilson (Newburk C.) This is the International

bury, C): This is the International Year of the Disabled, yet the High-way Code contains no signs specifi-cally for the disabled or to warn

motorists that they are likely to come to a crossing widely used by disabled people.

Among the signs he intends to promote, will one relate to disabled people?

Mr Fowler: Yes. We have recognized in this year the needs here. The new signs we will be proposing will include a warning sign on crossing points frequently used by disabled people. I hope that will be of helm

disabled people. I hope that will be of help.
Mr Stephen Ross (Isle of Wight, L): Will he look at section 2 of the Disabled Persons Act and see if he Can give some power to local authorities to adopt legal rights to prevent other members of the public parking on double yellow lines in areas reserved for the disabled?

Mr Fowler: That is something we have suggested.

The compulsory display on a vehi-cle of a certificate stating that insurance had been paid would present considerable practical dif-

ficulties, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Under Secretary of State for Transport, said on a question call-ing for legislation for such a certi-ficate.

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, in a written reply, said that following

preliminary discussion with repre-sentatives of leading firms of char-

tered surveyors, he had commis-sioned Healey and Baker to invite, and advise him on, offers of pri-vate finance for the construction

ference Centre on Broad Sanc-tuary, Westminster.

Conference centre

Insurance discs

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quage to deal with these unemploy-ment on this scale?

At the meeting only a few mouths ago an indertaking was given that the instintions of the Community would examine ways of meeting this and would continue to use Community instruments to reduce the structural unemploy-ment. Since then the situation has continued to deteriorate in an It happens that it has deter-iorated worse in this country than even the other countries. I

have no doubt that that put her at some disadvantage in the meetings.

Does she now say that the Government, and those with shom she was meeting at the summit, have no more measures to put before the country and the world? There has been a promise of a meeting of finance ministers. What fresh proposals for dealing with unemployment on this tragic scale has the British Government got? Mrs Thatcher: The Minister of Agriculture has made a practice which he will continue, of taking with him representatives of the fishing industries when he negotiates matters concerning the

common fisheries agreement

Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition (Ebbw Vale, Lab), questioning the Prime Minister on the statement, said: We certainly share the concern which was expressed at the summit meeting about the situation in Poland and we concur with the view that this is a matter entirely for the Polish people. We trust there will be and attempt elsewhere to influence the decision that they wish to reach.

On the more general questions that, our fishing industry, which is suffering from sufficient imports without having to risk have the driving more, which the conclusion of this agreement would that the discuss these matters in the grave world that shad to face more fish the statement are pitifully inade-the decision that they wish to reach.

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unemployment. There are some countries in the Community which have a higher percentage of unemployment than we have. They confirmed that the main course of confirmed that the main course of action on which we are embarked is the correct one.

Short-lived stimuli would not be effective. We have to embark on longer-term policies.

The conclusions were that we are suffective from two main things.

are suffering from two main things at the moment. A world recession is contributing to the rising price of oil which was \$11 a harrel when I took office and which Opec have got up to \$36 a barrel. We are also suffering from structural also suffering from structural changes as things are produced in other countries which used to be produced here.

be produced here.

We have to relieve the effects
of these structural changes and
concentrate investment on productive industries and not concentive industries and not concen-brate it always on the industries of yesterday. It seemed to me that those were wise conclusions. Mr Foot: About the proposed meeting in June of the finance, industry and labour ministers, can she say when she will present to the House any fresh measures for dealing with this increase in unem-ployment?

Wry Traicher: It is expected that

will meet in June and it is hoped that the Commission will make stremous efforts to put proposals before that council.

It is certainly true that the level of unemployment is now higher in the Community than it was in the last oil recession. On average in the last oil recession it was 41 per cent in the Community as a whole. Now it is 71 per cent. We are concerned that we should have longer-term solutions and not short-term stimuli.

Mr Jain Sproat (Aberdeen, South, C): Will she lose no opportunity to remind our EEC partners that given the high percentage of fish that we contribute to the EEC waters the quotas are sengroups. The course EEC partners. generous to our EEC partners. Could she give a categoric assurance that at no time did she come to any compromise in advance of the meeting to the disadvantage of our fishing industry? Mrs Thatcher I can give him that

assurance, I spent most of my time on fisheries matters saying "No", and saying it rather rehemently. This country brings some 60 per cent of the water and fish to the Community. We require a sware deal from the require a square deal from the Mr James Johnson (Kingston upon Hull, West, Labi: Two short weeks ago the French were the villains of the piece. They were in the dock. What has happened in the meantime for the switch? Now we are the odd-man-out and are being so categorized by our allies in the council.

conclude two agreements with third countries, namely Canada, which would benefit German fishing industry but harm our industry, and with the Faroes, which would harm our industries and we did not wish to conclude these agreements senarate from the common fishing agreement.

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Liverpool

docks

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If the Government had refused help, the ports of London . Liverpool would have had to co

Liverpool would have had to ce trading next week. Mr Nort Fowler. Secretary of State Transport, said in moving second reading of the Pr (Financial Assistance) Bill two ports, he added were so on women of bankruptey than it was to bankruptey than it.

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had a surplus of about 1 workers: 1.0 m registered d

workers and 500 others. That the central problem they faced

The Government had deck that the best way of tackling

problem was by means of spe-severance supplement for a limi-period. Neither port had money to pay for it and the i-was to provide the necessi-funds.

On recruery to be a announced a supplementary put to 15,500 per n added to the payment availating the ports' own natic severance scheme which mean maximum payment of £16,000.

The appeal and success of special severance scheme essential to the future of the port authorities. So far 1 workers had accepted the off. 474 at London and 522 Liverpool—which represented 8 per cent of the registered w force in Liverpool. A good start been made.

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month period. It was not the c
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The Bill concerned 187m of a money and did not attempt detailed breakdown of money tween the two ports. It was tended to maintain maximum in bility and not to create the sition that either port expected right to draw the whole or expected of the port of frees funds unless he definite benefits.

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He accepted that some im diate further financial assista was necessary but the Governa was not committed to suppor-the two port authorities her May when the results of the spe soverence scheme were known.

The Government would to consider whether it would be justied to continue to provide aid the autumn, by which time expected to have received finding to the continue to the provider of the continue to the provider of the continue to the con

plans for returning both ports

I will only be prepared to the further assistance under Bill (he said) if the authorities

demonstrate substantial prog

demonstrate substantial prog-fowards reducing manpower limiting restrictive practices. I convinced that all concerned committed to making the chai

The Opposition's amendr The Upposition's ameuir would deny Government assist to the ports and would not! any other port. The effect of amendment would be that the

ports would be in danger of c

ing trading on or shortly : Wednesday of next week.

Mr Albert Booth, chief Opnos spokesman on transport (Bar in-Furness, Lab) moved on am

ment decining to give a ser reading to a Bill which did provide assistance for other p

He said that the rundown registered dockworkers was dras tic, having been reduced fr 80.000 in 1947 to less than 23.4

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have come next week. Mr Fowler (Suntan ColdSeld said both ports had been affect by containeritation and or changes in cargo handling E

Either of those agreements would have meant substantial wome nave meant substantial imports of fish into this country directly or indirectly from fish which under those agreements might have displaced other fish in Europe which would then have come here come here.

I could not possibly agree to the conclusion of these agreements without having a proper common fisheries policy, which would give our fishermen confidence in the future so that they knew where they were going to fish and that their income was assured.

Mr Albert McQuarrie (East Aber-deenshire, C): Will she confirm that the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries will in no way give way on any marter on which he way on any matter on which he has stood firm in the last week and that when he goes to Brussels he will go in the knowledge that this House will not accept any common fisheries policy under duress from the Freach or the Germans.

Mrs Thatcher: I share and endorse the confidence in the Minister and the Minister of State (Mr Buchanan-Smith) to conclude a good deal for our industry,

which he will continue, of taking with him representatives of the loss any fresh measures for the loss and th

No-strike provision not excluded from talks on Civil Service pay deal: 7% must stand there is within Whitehall a dilatory working party which is dawdling along and meeting only once a week?

mr Hayhoe (Hounslow, Brentford and Isleworth, C) recalled that he and Lord Soames, Lord President of the Council, told the Civil Service unions on February 23 that the Government intended to review the present arrangements for determining the pay of non-industrial civil servants with the object of establishing as soon as practicable an agreed and ordered system.

Further meetings have been held since then (he went on) and we have been able to assure the unions that the review will court unions that the review will cover matters of concern to them such as independent fact-finding, comparisons with outside terms and conditions, and arbitration, as well as all other relevant factors. Future arrangements for negotiating and determining non-industrial Civil Service pay will, of course, depend on the outcome of the review.

Mr Kenneth Lexis (Rutland and

of the review.

Mr Kenneth Lewis (Rutland and Stamford, C): Since the Government has already increased the original offer made to the civil servants, does the minister recognize that it is important that this should be a final offer and should not be increased. The public do not appreciate striking by civil servants.

will he bring the leaders of the unions together and ask them to consider whether it is not in their own interests as well as those of the country that they should have a new formula for next year. of the superstructure of the con- year.

The Government would stand by its 7 per cent offer to the Civil Service and the unions had been told there was no more money this year. The settlements generally in outside industry have been coming down into single figures and it is only right that the Civil Service Department, said at question time. The possibility of a no-strike agreement was not excluded from any discussions that might take place, he added. eral restraint.

I do not believe there is public sympathy for the claims being made by the leaders of the Civil

unions for a higher Service Mr Sydney Chapman (Barnet, Chipping Barnet, C): Would the minister say if there has been

minister say if there has been complete cooperation by the civil servants in the planned reduction in their numbers from 730,000 to 630,000 by 1984?

Would be reaffirm that the pay of the Civil Service should be based on the skill and importance of the internal what the country. of the job and what the country can afford, and should not be mea-sured by the numbers of people working in any particular depart-

Mr Hayhoe: The Civil Service has been cooperating with the Government in bringing down the numbers both by linding more efficient ways of tackling work and giving up work which is no longer necessary.

The pay of the civil servants, as all others, should be commensurate not with the numbers of people in the departments but with the work they are doing.

Mr Alan Williams, an Opposition spokesman (Swansea, West Lab): Can we have a categorical assur-ance that it is the Government's intention to return to an agreed system of pay assessment for the Civil Service for the next pay round? round?. The arbitrary and unilateral abandonment of the pay research unit was a major factor in persuading many civil servants to support the strike.

In view of the damage being caused by the discussion and the

nave a new formula for next year and accept that?

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Mr Hayhoe: I can give him the assurance that the 7per cent offer is the most that can be found from the Civil Service cash limits this year.

The Government is going to stand clearly by that figure; the strike.

Support the strike.

In view of the damage being to arbitration tomorrow and the Government is refusing to do that.

Mr Hayhoe: I do not believe this is a political strike. Noone on the Civil Service cash limits this year.

What a sorry day it would be for the country if the civil servents, or any others, included in Supreme Court Bill, report the strike.

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Nor the unions are prepared to go to arbitration tomorrow and the dovelopment of the cause of Lordy at 2.30; Debate on CAP price is a political strike. Noone on the strike of the damage being to arbitration tomorrow and the dovelopment of livestock is a political strike. Noone on the strike of the damage being to arbitration tomorrow and the dovelopment of the cause of Commons.

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Mr Hayhoe: It comes extraordi-Mr Hayhoe: It comes explandinately ill from Labour to attempt to criticize us for suspending the pay agreement. In the last 10 years that agreement has been operated on five occasions—four times under Conservative governments and only once under

We on this side will accept no criticisms or strictures from the Labour side on this.

I can confirm that it is our intention to return to an ordered

and agreed system as soon as practicable. As for 1982, I hope that will be possible.

The sooner we return to normal work, the sooner discussions can proceed on these matters the faster the new agreement can be made. There can be no certainty at this stage that it would be available for 1982. Mr Christopher Patten (Bath, C):

Is the minister prepared to dis-cuss with the Civil Service unions the negotiation in the future of no-strike agreements in return for index-linked pensions and an agreed formula of arbitration backed by the force of law? Mr Hayboe: I have seen the ex-tremely interesting letter from Mr Patten and his colleague in The Times today and the suggestion it makes. The subject of a no-strike agreement and any possible link-ing is not excluded from any dis-cussions which may be held. Mr Kenneth Woolmer (Batley and Moreley, Lab): This is in no sense a political strike but action by a

a political strike but action by a large group of workers who are deeply and genuinely angry at the unlateral way the Government is acting as an employer.

The unions are prepared to go to arbitration tomorrow and the Government is refusing to do that. Mr Hayhoe: I do not believe this is a political strike. Noone on this side has suggested otherwise.

What a sorry day it would be

industrial action purely for political ends. I hope this will be condemned on the Opposition side as firmly as we condemn it on this side.

Mr Havhoe also informed Mr Robert Cryer (Keighley, Lab) that about 356,000, or 67 per cent, of non-industrial civil servants were currently paid below the national average earnings figure for full-time adults of \$120.80 per treats. Mr Cryer: This demonstrates the

strength of the civil servants' case and their strong feelings about their wages.

Following the miners' strike, the civil servants may take the view that the Government only understands the strength of industrial muscle and that they now have to demonstrate this against the Government in order to bring it to the negotiating table. He asked what the minister thought about civil servants receiving less than the national average wage while the chairman of the Nat West Bank received a 31 per cent increase.

Is the minister (he added) going to condemn that forease in the private sector as well as the civil servants? claim? Mr Hayhoe: When a Labour Government was in office a higher percentage were receiving less than the average national wage

than at present. In response to another question, the minister said: I have already indicated that the question of no-strike agreements is certainly not excluded. I have seen no indication from the Civil Service unions themselves that such a proposal would meer with their approval at this time.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons
Today at 2.30: Debate on CAP price
proposals and development of livestock
production in Iroland,

Minister attacks councillors in closed shop controversy

When more Lahour-controlled councils were returned after the local government elections, there could be many more cases like that of Miss Joenna Harris who had been dismissed by Sandwell Coun-cil for refusing ro join a trade union, Lord Harris of Greenwich union, Lord Harr (Soc Dem) said.

He was opening a debate calling agention to the closed shop poli-cles of a number of local authorities under which employees who entered their service when there was no requirement that they should be members of a trade union were being required to join a union, with the threat of dismissal if they refused.

He said he was concerned at the practice whereby an employer could introduce a retrospective requirement into employees' condi-tions of service that they should be members of a union.

It was true Miss Harris could take her, case to an industrial tribunal, but it was not compensation she wanted. It was her job she wanted as she liked being a poultry inspector. Why should Parilament not be in a position to insist that Miss Harris and others like her were given their jobs back? Lord Pochester (L) said he still hoped it would not be necessary to introduce any further legislation.

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He doubted it would do anything of sirive to solve the problems of liant Front Bench could seek to defend the indefensible. But that climate within which good industry or ocal government. But if there would never override truth and ocal government it was freedom.

Act had not yet been followed. The By this process all employees Government should create a social had to juin up or zet out. Those who objected were weeded-out trial relations could be established. This was the way to proceed rather Harris, sacked for sticking to her positive to solve the problems of local government. But if there were not to be further laws, it was essential for employers and unions to observe those laws enacted last The Government stood con-demned by the inadequacies of its legislation because that legislation left loopholes which had brought

In trade unions as much as in other organizations, bullying was best stamped out by the general body of members combining together for that purpose and in the case of local councils, the elec-tors likewise had a remedy. Lord Brookes (C), a former chairman of GKN, said in a lifetime in industry he had never knowingly conceded or tolerated a closed shop. He always knew the closed shop to be evil and felt it to be part of his responsibility to deny

He deplored the relatively mod-He deplored the relatively mod-ern trend in management which, on the fragile excuse that closed shops convenienced industrial rela snops convenienced undustrial rela-tions, pressed their employees be ond the bounds of freedom, and even management had made it a condition that "unless you belong to a union you might not have a job". In this matter, management did not have clean hands

In relation to the steach of Sandwell and the tragedy of the torture of Joanna Harris he was aware that

bout the suffering of Joanna Harris and others. Harris and others.

The Secretary of State's aspirations to get the right response from responsible trade unionists had been destroyed by extremists. The Government had broken faith with its own manifesto and with the electorate and allowed evil in the electorate, and allowed evil to occur for which there was no apparent remedy.

There was still time to remedy the injustices by introducing rein-forcing retrospective legislation to

redress these evils.

If they did not, all he could say was "God save freedom, God save England, and God save us from the expedients of politics." (Cheers.) Lord Bruce of Donington (Lab), for the Opposition, said if Miss Harris felt she had been maltreated or unfairly dismissed then remedies were open to her. It was not ture to say the remedies provided in legislation were of no consequence, otherwise the Covernment quence, otherwise the Government would have not permitted them to remain in force. The procedures laid down in the

than trying to legislate on marters that the Government itself admit-ted were not always susceptible to legislation. The Earl of Gowrie, Minister of

State for Employment, said it was of concern that public office and public money was being used to trample on human freedom. Sandtrample on human freedom. Sand-well was the most notorious exami-ple, but there were others. What was worrying was that there might be more in the pipeline. Councillor John Edwards, chair-man of the Sandwell works com-mittee, claimed his council had a mandate from the electorate to force union membership on all employees. regardless of their employees, regardless of their wishes. The union in question was

Nalgo.

If Nalgo discovered someone employed was not a member, it only had to get in touch with Mr Hodgetts, the personnel director, and he was under instruction to and he was under instruction to investigate the individual concerned. This meant in effect the local Nalgo official, Mr Faux, faced council employees with the chance of joining the union or being sacked. Mr Faux had sold publicly he had no conscience about doing so.

guns.

The Government opposed the principle of closed shops and shared the public concern over the acted. It was right the Lords should voice the widely-held criticisms of these actions.

Councilors and those they purported to represent should be aware of the concern that such intolerable council policies could

By any normal ethical standards (he said) Councillor Edwards, Mr Hodgetts, Mr Faux and their associates, are thoroughly bad men and their actions thoroughly wicked. I bope that the electors of Sandwell are alert to the kind of action which is being undertaken The whole difficulty of outlaw-

ing closed shops was that one needed the cooperation of employers and they sometimes did not give that cooperation. He understood the demands for enforced reinstatement in closed shop cases, which was what Joanna Hatris wanted, but in the last analysis in a open society it was diffi-cult to force people to work together.
The debate was concluded.

of grasp of the national ports uation and created an artific distinction between Lordon a Liverpool and the rest of the po industry. It would create pressi for a rise in the general level

for a rise in the general level severance pay in the industry a: time when it would be hard meet this. The time had come for the Gu eroment to face the need for realistic ports policy to deal who basic issues on which the future the industry depended.

Mr Eric Ogden (Liverpool, We Derby, Lab) said this Bill providthe desperately needed help f which Merseyside had been askin It should not be denied to Merse side simply because it was marailable at this date to other the state of the st

Mr Barry Porter (Bebinston & Ellesmere Port. C) said there we nothing reasonable about & amendment. He hoped that nobe on the Opposition benches who is any thought of saving these to ports from imminent bankrupt would support it.

Mr William Waldegrave (Bristi Mr William Waldegrave (Brist West, C) said that at the Brist port there were 600 people aboregoirements, but voluntary reductions had now dried up. It port was past the verge of businance and the situation had been made domatically worse by the supplementary scheme.

The opposition appendicent to

The opposition amendment we rejected by 137 votes to 81government majority, 56.
The Bill was read a second that

Commissioner resists call for even higher farm price rises

Next year the Department of Transport planned to spend £118m on maintaining trunk roads and motorways, the largest sum ever earmarked for this important service and £16m more than last year, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Transport, said during questions.
This increase (he added) will enable us to renew substantial lengths of our older motorways, many of which have already carried a larger tonnage of traffic than they were designed for 20 years ago.

Mr Patrick Cormack (South-West All Patrick Cormack (South-West Staffordshire, C): When was I last able to travel up the M1 and M6 without being held up by extensive road works? Why does he not spend the extra £20m he is equandering in my constituency on the M54 or making the M1 better outster? quicker?

We are seeking to reconstruct the M1 because it has come to the end of its design life. It is an essential thing to do.

Mr Fowler (Sutton Coldfield, C1:

Gaelic language Mr William Walker (Perth and to bring in a Bill to promote broadcasting in Gaelic and to require local authorities in Gaelic. speaking areas to promote the use of Gaelic in drama and music, The. Bill was read a first time.

Strasbourg
The 12 per cent average increase proposed by Parliament's Agriculture Committee in the Community's farm prices had not just been pulled out of a hat, Signor Giosne Ligios, rapporteur for the committee, said when he opened the debate on prices for the forth-coming year. coming year.

This is the fruit (he said) of forecasts on the future development of the world market for agriment of the world market for agri-cultural products.

He said agricultural income per unit was down and was not com-parable with general incomes. The

Agriculture Committee could not accept the Commission's proposal for a 7.8 per cent increase in farm prices. The 12 per cent the committee recommended should encourage the type of productions in deficit or those in which the Community was not self-sufficient. It struck a balance between Community finances and farmers The effect would be different in different countries but there would

have to be a mechanism to allow the Community, transitionally, to save meney and bridge the gap between production costs and in-come in those countries where there was a devaluation or higher than average inflation.

The committee was unanimous in rejection the idea of co-respon-sisting left, right and centre. It contained agriculture spending, but it was now almost a full principle of the CAP. The cause of distortions in the CAP was in the

The committee did not like the Commission's proposal on dismantling monetary compensatory amounts. To cut MCA's by five points in the United Kingdom and

points in the United Kingdom and Germany seemed filogical. A sarrifice haid to be made in these countries in the general interest but the committee wanted a proportional reduction, given the difference in the MCA rates paid in Germany and the United Kingdom, with a timetable for dismantling MCA's down to abolition. Mr G. J. M. Bracks, the Dutch Agriculture minister and President of the EEC Council of Agriculture ministers, said the Community must be careful. Community preference should not be exaggerated so that it led to protectionism, reducing its role in international

trade. Agricultural Ministers were aware of the budgetary problems in many countries but these should not be magnified to the detriment of the CAR. of the CAP.

Mr Harry Notenboom (Nether-lands, EPP), for the Budgets Com-mittee; said it wished to remind Farliament that in its own statement in November during a budget-ary debate it said that the existing amount for agriculture could not be exceeded for 1981-82 and that additional appropriations would have to be fanded from savings. Miss Gloria Hooper (Liverpool, ED) for the Consumer Protection Committee, said the Commission

The committee deplored the The committee deplores the Agriculture Committee's attempt to increase the proposed farm prices still further. Food prices would be increased. In future, a product by product analysis should be made because the figure had

Mr Eisso Woltjer (Netherlands, Soc) said his group were against th: committee report which was

Mr Tenn Tolman (Netherlands, EPP) said his group felt Porlia-ment was going the wrong way in talking about prices policy in the in the context of reform of the CAP. Mr David Curry (Essex, North East, ED) said if the Council decided to strip the committee's proposals of the reform element

his group would make Parliament's life a misery until it made the Council take it back. We accept the basic truth the said) that unlimited financial responsibility for production must end, not only for surplus products but for those for which the costs are mounting at an unacceptable rate, which is horrifying. The rate of increase in agricultural spending must be below the increase in com-

munity revenue.

The Commission's proposals on MCA's were impossible for the United Kingdom. Mr Christopher Tugendhat, EEC Commissioner for the budget, said

guarantee on certain products, a had not considered or consulted if the resolution on the 12 per cent perverse mechanism. It was eating adequately with consumer in increase was adopted, Parliament mould be voting an extra increase of over 1000m European units of account to the 1982 budget.

Own resources were expected to grow by about 11 per cent in the same period, so the Commission's proposals made possible, within the context of the budget, a beginning of re-balancing. the context of the budget, a regin-ning of re-balancing.

The Committee's proposal would make it impossible not simply to re-balance but even to maintain the

present balance. This was inconsis-tent with Parliament's resolutions since direct elections in 1979. since direct elections in 1979.

Mr Brian Hord (London, West, ED) said he wondered how it was that those who could produce more milk and had not acknowledged all the exhortations, were now going to benefit from the super lesy. The Commission seemed to be telling them to "win with sin". If nothing was done about this, the payers would eventually rebel. payers would eventually rebel. Herr Eritz Gautier (Germany, Soc) said the Commission was giving big cereal farmers higher prices. This did not help those with small acreance

European workers were having to pay for French "agro-imperia-lism". Dumping on the world market was unhelpful. Mr Constantinos Kappos, (Greece, Comm) said the Agriculture Com-mittee's report was so nebulous about countries with special prob-lems. Pious hopes were of no use.

acreages.

meet all deadlines and not planem off again and again. The must ensure that all their farmed had a fair income considering helindividual difficulties and the costraints which derived from the economic cituation and forecast about budgetary resources.

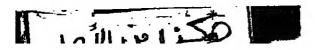
It was said the CAP was to costly bur it would be indecent discriminate against agriculture. Who cold risk making the farmer situation more precarious and situation more precarious an worsening Community uncorplet ment already at more than eigh million? Who could deny the saf ply advantages brought by CAP?

meet all deadlines and not pi

The Commission might not hav the Commission might for the succeeded in the exact figures be decisions had been made the morning. Proposals were put to the Council ofter the Italian detailed tion which eliminated the negation which eliminated the negation bad changed slightly. picture had changed slightly. The Commission had made serious effort to weigh the demands to ensure a reasonable depolarment.

development comes while taking account serious economic and budgetal Mrs Barbara Castle (Greater Man chester, North, Soc) said he group felt that farmers should have a reasonable income. Bu restraints.

common prices gave some farmer too much and left others impor trished. The system tad broker crished. The system had Mr Gastan Thorn, President of the Commission, said bis recent participation at Maastrich convinced him that the Community must committee's proposals. Voting will take place tomerror (Thursday) on the Agriculture



Incomparable festival of theatrical skills

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Last month the sewers of Louisville went up in a huge explosion that brought manhole covers raining down through roofs and ceilings, and devastated some five square miles of road. way, Happily, the Actors' Theatre escaped unscathed, but, had it slid into the caracombs, it is an even bet that the company would have taken this act of God (or leak of hexane) in their stride and opened the night's show dead on time. This incomparable organiza-

tion has just staged its fifth plays: eight productions over three days, heavily supported by local businesses and by the theatre's 18,000 subscribers, and attended by visiting artists, agents, festival planders and critics from more than 30 countries. Of course, the plays are what count. But they were important not only for themselves but as a pretext for cele-brating the whole ATL operation: a crack design and stagemanagement team, a thrilling group of young actors, an ada face or an interview date-all collaborating in the grand exercise that annually reassembles an international theatre com-munity on the desolare, bulldozed bank of the Ohio river. For this event, that devalued word "festival" returns to hard

currency.

Producing the present conservation boom. ATL is housed in an old Greek Revival bank, its domed lobby leading either up-stairs to the Victor Jory Studio or through the manager's office door to the Pamela Brown Theatre. For both the studio and the main auditorium, Paul Owen has designed a basic set for speedy changeover from play to play, with no dodging the writer's demands—whether these involve transforming a living room into the ocean bed with a diver drifting down from above, or staging simultaneous action between a bar and a moonlik tree high up in the Smaly Mountains Smoky Mountains.

That said, the blunt fact is that only one satisfactorily arti-culated full length play emerged from the three days. Otherwise, there were plays that lest direction in mid-course, plays that ran into quagmires of personal reminiscence (it is always a danger signal on the American stage when some character starts telling you about his childhood), and impenetrably ill-plotted exercises in hillbilly mysticism whose main exponent, the patriarchi-ally bearded Ken Jenkins, sometimes appeared to be running an Appalachian counterattraction to the main event along the lines of what one of his characters calls a "folk art festival and goat roast".
That succulent line comes

from a one-act play on the ese dinner with a hazards of inter-state bullfrog and toasting fork. hazards of inter-state builfing and toasting fork.

the first act to subside into schematized debate between the gets my vote. Likewise a sizable proportion of the festival's Mastrosimone's Extremities, a long and formerly raped com-

Buddy Kich

Ronnie Scott's



Kathy Bates (left) and Susan Kingsley in Chocolate Cake

other short pieces. What Jon Jory, the director of ATL, has done this year is to take a stand against the tyranny of the full-length play, and to build his programme around the fact that, no matter what Broadway requires, good plays may require no more than 30 minutes. or 10 minutes. In this depart-ment there was some brilliant work, split between two programmes, Early Days, (brevities on childhood, college life and Vietnam) and Shorts (three more extended pieces including Mr Jenkins with his refrigerator stuffed with unmarketable builfrog cutlers).

The best of the bunch was Mary Gallagher's Chocolate Cake, a nocturnal meeting between two food-obsessed ladies, one a secret-eating slob, the other a smartly tailored secret vomiter, in an isolated motel, with nothing between them and the empty night hours but a hidden cake in the cupboard. The whole action springs from the question of whether Joellen, the jealous owner, will take pity on the desperate Delia and cur her a slice. Before she does, the play takes us through stages of marital despair, rural versus city desolation from the viewpoint of the two food fanarics ("I've been known to cut a cheesecake with my car keys in midrown traffic"), so as to show the de-velopment of a sisterhood of apparent of a sisteriood of apparent opposites. Their contrast is stretched to the limit by Kathy Bates and the wonderful, nervy Susan Kingsley, memorably seen scooping up a Chinese dinner with a motel spatula and roasting forb.

rape play that does more than justice to the brutality of its subject. The opening is pure nightmare. Early motning in a New Jersey farmhouse. A pretty girl puts down her coffee to go out and deal with a wasp, leaving the door open. A man walks in, knowing she is alone, and slams her into submission on the floor. At which point she grabs the wasp spray and fires it into his eyes, and the play goes into reverse. rape play that does more than

spray and fares it into his eyes, and the play goes into reverse. The first 20 minutes arouse your maximum detestation for the rapist, which the remainder of the piece then tests to the limit. The girl ropes him up with a haker round his neck, chains him into the fireplace, beats him tortures him with beats him, tortures him with lighted matches, and douses him with paralfin ready to be burnt alive and buried in the garden. When her two friends return from work, she has a cast-iron case for killing. As there is no mark on her body, a court may acquir her attacker; even if he is jailed, she will always go in dread of his revengeful return.

The logic is unanswerable, but we are still only halfway through the play, and instead of letting his heroine get on with the job Mr Mastrosimone allows the parry to sit around debating what to do next. When this happens the play also sits down. This author can drama-tize hatred like nobody's busi-ness, and he has a nice line in ness, and he has a nice line in mordant anti-climax ("What a' day !" exclaims the first girl-friend returning with an armful of shopping.) But once he allows the frenzied energy of the first art to subside into panions, the play never gets back on course. What never slackens is the authority of Ellen Barber who plays the violated heroine with unappeasable Olympian fury: when actress and text are working fully together, Extremities taps the same forces and generates the same terror as The Bacchae.

The completely achieved ex-ception among the full-length plays is Wendy Kesselman's My Sister in this House, a no less horrifying piece which works through volcanically suppressed feelings rather than violent overkill. Its subject is the same French provincial murder case of the early 1930s which Genet took as his starting point for The Maids. Miss Kesselman's play is about what Genet left out, and you could practically insert a performance of The Maids into the blackouts of My Sister.

harsh domestic exploitation rebounding on the culprir's head. Mme Danzard engages the two sisters as ser-vants, and works them almost to death; they then kill her and her daughter with the greatest brutakity. As Miss Kesselman tells ic, this is a story of parallels. Just as the girls were ill-used by their vamgirls were ill-used by their vam-pire mother, so the young mis-tress isabelle Danzard has her blood sucked by the monstrous Madame. There is also a code of behaviour, observed with fierce pride by mistress and servants alike. Both sides agree that the work must be done to perfection, and that there can be no humane contact between them. Madame in the drawing room and Christine (the elder sister) in the kitchen speak of

sister) in the kitchen speak of each other in identical terms:

flesh-carving instruments. There are some precarious passages in the text (particularly in the under-developed mother-daughter relationship), but the production offers a complete and beautifully composed image of a way of life. Sound is wonderfully used: the counterpoint of kitchen knives against dining room cutlery, with a clock heavily ticking the girls' youth away. So, too, are the sisters' movements, their frustrations and passions, expressed through mutinous curtsies, murderous The basic story is one of mutinous curtsies, murderous polishing and floor scrubbing; and their voluptuous relaxation into a world of masquerade, fine laces and sains, when they enter their room and turn out the light. The sibling performances of Patricia Charbonneau.

"Pre never had anyone like her

before"; "I must her with everything." It is acceptable for the employer to inflict phy-sical punishment on the ser-vants. But when she trans-

them, and attempting to violate their private relationship, then Christine's band seizes a pewter

vase and the mistress's and daughter's brains spatter the

In Jon Jory's production one

is long prepared for this by the sight, and the sound, of Christine at the chopping block, preparing each night's delicacies

with a sophisticated arsenal of flesh-carving instruments. There

and Cristine Rose—her features set stonily above a goose-like neck, marked for slaughter from first sight-stamp themselves permanently on the memory in a production that seems to belong more to the great Continental tradition than to anything American.

Opera-

Oedipus Rex Grand Theatre, Leeds

Paul Griffiths

Stravinsky's. opera-oratorio Oedipus Rex is a work like no other, a ritual spectacle designed to be presented by masked performers as living statues, singing in Latin while a narrator introduces the action in the language of the audience. It is a difficult piece to bring off in the theatre, but many of its riddles have been solved with Oedinal neatness in a new production unveiled by English National Opera North on Tues-

Taking a cue from the Cox-Hockney Rake's Progress for Glyndebourne, the producer, Patrick Libby, and designer, Stefanos Lazaridis, range the chorus and principals in a honeycomb of cubicles stretchvertically to cover almost the whole stage opening. The participants thus appear to have dread witnesses in some hellish court, their faces plague-ridden and white: white with the chalk-white of death, which is one of the main colours of the production, the others being only black and blood-red to underline the barbaric impression of an antiquity bound by curse and taboo. Stark lighting by David C. Jackson pins the inhabitants in their boxes with beams that glare through the curling smoke, and the image that is Creon, a South Sea Island totem in skull mask and feathers, gives the produc-tion its terrible presiding deity, Mr Libby and Mr Lazaridis are surely right to remind us that Oedipus Rex has very little

to do with grace and sunlight and Doric temples. Indeed, their potent, grim stage picture is exactly in accord with an orchestral performance under David Lloyd Jones that puts the emphasis on the savage bril-liance of the wind. Unfortun-ately, the chorus lacks the same attack, which means that the

Manon Lescaut Logan Hall

Hilary Finch

The sporadic laughter of a crowd, a jewel robbery, frenzied escape and capture, and slow death of thirst in the desert may not seem at first the ideal stuff of which concert performances of operas are made. And there was, unavoidably, more than a little culture shock on Tuesday at the beginning of the Chelsea Opera's presentation of the one lollipop among the less well-tasted confections of this year's Camden Festival.

Yet in many ways, and if only because it gives us a chance



Robert Ferguson as Oedipus

piece gets off to a weak start, though it is quickly rescued by the commanding person of Earry Stanton as the narrator. To make him Oedipus's double, however, is clever but ulti-

mately confusing.

The real Oedipus is Robert Ferguson, a figure of strength and pride, but unhappy in his vocal insecurity and wobble. Josephine Veasey properly takes the opportunity of Jocasta's great aria to repeat the volupturations and venous of her tuousness and venom of her Verdi impersonations, and there

is, for example, the little con-cert within the concert in Acr

2, the evocative Intermezzo, and

the pervasive odour of Crisan-

temi. Here and, indeed, throughout, the orchestra gen-

erally persuaded us of the case; they were willing to take

risks for the sake of excitement,

and in their more finely-

wrought passages, some untidy edges were caught up nicely by

tailoring.

Williams's

Harling. Everyone has a maras if they were at last able fully to fuse the musical and

is strong singing from Hugh-Nigel Sheehan, doubling Creon and the Messenger. John Trauter is the solemn Tiresias, whose further history is only obliquely the subject

matter of the companion piece, Powlenc's Les Mamelles de Tirésias. The company's much-acclaimed production is revived

still bright and bouncing, with

a delicious account of the score under Clive Timos and a cast led by Kate Flowers and Stuart

emotional experience. Earlier Janice Cairns as Manon, fresh, pure-toned and a little too guileless vocally, had played the vulnerable young girl almost at the ex-pense of that volatile woman, and her voice, like that of Lanceford Roberts as Des Grieux, lacked strength and sustaining power at the top. Neither had fully mastered the powerful ebb and flow of Puccini's line enough to glory in its turns of phrase or to approach climaxes with a vital

Despite Tuesday night's powerfully controlled ensembles, the solo voices here must be the prime movers, and their already slancio. Ton McDonnell gave a strenuous task becomes even harder withour the dramatic and physical regeneration and reinforcement of a staged perpowerful and idiomatic perfor-mance as a particularly virile, curl-lipped Geronte, Laurence Dale injected some sharp drama into his Edmondo and Simon Bainbridge's Lamplighter shot a clear ray of vocal light into

RSC to do La Ronde.

The Royal Shakespeare Company is to present Arthur Schoitzler's play La Ronde in

London next January, in a production by John Barton with a cast including Susan Fleetwood, Richard Pasco, Judy Buxton, Michael Pennington, Barbara Leigh-Hunt and Carol Royle.

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rick Theatre, opening in the West End on April 29

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because it gives us a chance formance. It was partly for into his Edmondo and Simon that reason, surely, that Manon trai craftsmanship of Puccini's and Des Grieux excelled them accore, Manon Lescaut is not selves only in the last act, despite its long drawn-out agony, ultimate act. True comedy on a touchy subject

Having a Ball!

Coliseum, Oldham

Ned Chaillet

Regional theatres and their governing boards are notoriously timid. They always want audiences, but they seldom want the shows that will make audi-ences enthusiastic. The Oldham ences entrustatue. The Oldnam Coliseum is a rare exception, and perbaps one should credit the Lancashire spirit more than any individual, but Kenneth Alan Taylor's policy as the company's director has done wonders for serious theatre outside London.

Having a Ball! is an upposarious comedy about the

roarious comedy about the ticklish subject (to say the least) of varectomy. In the North they trust Alan Bleasdale to turn out good comedies with regularity. So far his work has largely been denied to the southern regions, ex-cept through television, but, since Having a Ball! is one of the plays scheduled for Radio 3's new play festival, all of

Before Water Lilies BBC 1

Joan Bakewell To all those who have ever gossiped their way round a private view, worried about the office during Beethoven's ninth or made holiday plans during a boring third act, Play for Today can be humbly dedicated. It is in fact a very humble little play masquerading under a good deal of cultural flannel. Robert Marshall, the author, has set it in New York's Gallery of Modern Art in the room dis-

Steve Paxton Riverside Studios Noël Goodwin In one sense ." contact improvisation" is a species of nursery game writ large, the gloriously inconsequential tum-bling and rolling of children over and under one another at

instinctive and disciplined estimates of scientific fulcrum, gravity and inertia by adults. Not to be missed: Claudio Abbado and the LSO celebrate the centenary of Mussorgsky's death with a Festival Hall con-Freelance a collaborative group from the United States who are cert next Tuesday, which in-cludes a variety of rarities as well as the original version of

here, they comprise three men carry the mome with beards and three women to a new phrase.

the characters are shortly to be rolled into the operating room for that intimate masculine suip, and the surgeon is a woman For lesser writers, that would be enough to be going on, but Mr Bleasdale fits in the dangers of nuclear war, the morality of abortion, and the decline of school bullies into glad-handing insurance salesmen.

Kenneth Alan Taylor's pro-

playing Moner's Water Lillies. It is to this neutral

play becoming translated into

This system of improvised

movement is a speciality of

at Riverside Studios until

daughter, Lucy, in the tiny village of Rackwick on the island Magnus Festival on Orkney.

the Songs and Dances of

England will soon be gesting a taste of his masterful stage work. mire the serious qualities of the play. Apart from a nuclear holocaust, Mr Bleasdale fits in a spor of wife basbing, with its He sets his story in a private clinic in Manchester. Four of attendant apology or two, but his skill is to retain a high comic fascination while insert-

ing the serious themes. They are not inserted without pain, for the acting is skilful, and nowhere more accurately divided between laughter and tears than in Lesley E. Bennett's performance as a wife who drinks to cover her fear of war and government policy.

duction is unrestrained in its exploitation of the comedy, but even with one ramping, naked and even obstreperous patient it finds a decorum totally suited to both the occasion and suren to both the occasion and
the theatre audience. It is
David Ross, publically shared
and three times shy of the
operation. who retains the
frantic focus of the story, talking to himself, taunting the
school bully from 16 years before and inspiring the drunken
wife of another parient to a wife of another patient to a life-affirming declaration of

territory that various pairs of talkative Americans come to play out various combinations of the blame game with each

Thus Mel and Tony, fellow executives, come on flight from the seafood luncheon of their company to call each other names and realize together that they are about to be scape-goated for the financial chic-anery of their superiors. Monet? He counts with Tony as a familiar friend "like a college reunion". To Mel it's just "a big mess of blue". Next and least successful as a pair come Angie and Marcia,

collecting culture on their coach tour, and religious groupies for "the Mysterious Hope". The

visatory first part of the open-

writing was weak enough and weak playing lowered it fur-ther. Monet just did not

Hymns to life are few enough

in plays that take themselves seriously. Mr Bleasdale's comedy is rich in affirmation,

full of enthusiasm for life and

perfectly judged for its audience. Mr Bleasdale is join-

ing the consortium that is taking

over the Liverpool Playhouse

and has a play planned for Lon-don. It may be his year.

Meanwhile, Mr Taylor has proved that there is a larger audience for adult and intelli-

gent comedy than most theares

figure.
So things looked up when their kookie art student guide stayed behind to exercise her aggressions all over a charm-ing gangler of an English law student. Andrew Boxer saw this part, and the play most truly, outlining an amiable caricature in what was really a sequence of revue double acts. Monet? It served to make her horny. So where did it leave us? A handful of passing encounters merely, an unattractive gallery

of modern stereotypes. Poor Monet was used to serve or dis-charge each man's quarrel with

All this is performed in ex without, dressed basically in sport shirts and shorts and all pressionless silence. I wondered barefoot. They include Steve whether the addition of a sound Paxton, a former dancer with dimension, other than the con-Merce Cunningbam, and the tact of limbs and bodies with initiator of contact improvisa- the floor, might add to its chartion as an "artsport" early in acter for the viewer, for I con-the last decade, at the end of fess its interest as a spectator which he was for two years a sport (or art) ran out in my movement tutor at Dartington case some time before its

ollege. evident appeal to the partici-To watch them in the impropants, as if we were watching

ing programme (actual pre- preliminary to composition. sentations vary from night to Yet it has to be admitted that night) is to become aware of a in the shorter works collectively certain fluid bodily sculpture, titled Missing In Action, where not unlike the movement of each presumably had a set content or structure, the movement coloured liquids under a lens and just as seemingly casual until you notice the responsive ranged from the self-indulgent to the banal with little help from accompanying sounds. An placing of a back or shoulder, exception was Nancy Stark Smith's solo, In Ketjak, where or the forcing of balance to a The first to appear in a four- limit and beyond, when the ex-week season of "new dance" pert practitioner will then

an exercise in vocabulary as a

her movement's visual rhythm counterpointed the sound of carry the momentum through Balinese vocal chants,

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College.

Richard Williams

At its most confined and stylized, big band jazz seems to Enswer a particular atavistic traving among its audience for order and system. In the music of Buddy Rich and his 15-piece orchestra, for example, there is no room whatsoever for the spontaneous gesture or the happy accident; the main attraction seems to be the sound and vision of the leader, a small but ferocious figure, almost literally whipping his cowed musicians through a series of exhausting calisthenics. It might be argued that such

exercises have more to do with exercises have more to do with the parade ground than with jazz. During Tuesday night's first set, Rich paid honest tri-bute to Count Basie and, by implication, Lester Young in an eccount of "One O'Clock Jump"; what place, however, could be found in Rich's ensemble for a wayward genius

of Young's dimension?
Technically speaking, Rich is certainly one of the world's greatest drummers. His fills are elaborate but logical his punctuations brook no argument, and his solos contain stunning examples of the art of cross-sticking. What he lacks is any degree of emotional warmth, and although this seems to impress his fans, it scarcely works to the benefit of

The best of them, the fine rumpeter Waymon Reed whose 46th and 8th was one last year's most distin-shed mainstream jazz duished mainstream jazz lbums!, found himself posi-ively trampled towards the end of one solo, when Rich began his tom-tom rudiments thout eight bars from home; thers, like Steve Marcus, the tependable tenor saxophonist, and Andy Fusco, an alto axophonist whose small tone nd sour intonation suggested hat he was raised on a diet f early Jackie McLean records, vere hardly given time to clear heir throats before being enrulfed by the ensemble. nstead Rich presented Zee, a roup of three young women, acluding his daughter, who ang adequate supper-club verions of the Doobie Brothers' What a Fool Believes" and aul McCartney's "Got to Get ou into My Life", the latter the brittle arrangement culty in learning the instru-evised by Earth, Wind and ment, and also from teaching

It could be said that Rich's okes, liberally sprinkled beween the tunes, are more pontaneous than his music. Vhile introducing the band, he erated the bass trembonist and te baritone saxophonist, who ad jointly failed to arrive on nouted a compassionate ringder. "Sure. I'll leave 'em scheols: thus poor teaching for civic pride: the opening of the Humber Bridge. He actually wrote the verses about a some was not a soke at all."

1881-82 course are due to close five years ago, but the pre-

Arts agenda Shortage of orchestral strings

The dwindling violins (foreground) of the NCOS, George Hurst conducting

A tip for aspiring musicians: if you want a secure professional career, take up the violin. There is a national shortage of good orchestral violinists, says Basil Tschaikov, director of the National Centre for Orchestral Studies, who is having great difficulty in attracting sufficient violinists for next year's course at the centre. They have received about two dozen applications for the three places on the flute; for the violin, they have actually received fewer applications than there are places (26) available.

Tschaikov says the flute is easily the most popular instrument—a situation only wors-ened by the impact of James Galway; there is also no short-age of cellists, clarinettists or trumpet players. The violin is a different matter : in both its first two years, the centre had been unable to fill all the violin places. He says the professional orchestras have long had difficulties in finding enough first-rate players; when he was chairman of the Philharmonic Orchestra they might audition 60 violinists in a year, and would be lucky to gain two or

three good recruits. believes the trouble stems partly from the diffi-culty in learning the instruwhich emphasizes the solo and sonata repertoire, although few players could hope to make a living as soloists. Many players chestra, they are probably paid he bandstand until the third the least. The shortage also umber. "Leave them alone", means there is a lack of good players to teach the violin in schools; thus poor teaching

next week, but, for violinists, Tschaikov is keeping the list open "indefinitely".

What is virtually a small repertory company is being created by Triumph Theatre Productions for a tour which starts next week at Nottingham and continues round Britain until at least December, presenting four productions in all. A shorter tour was mounted by Triumph last year, with Arts Council support, but this year it has been greatly extended, partly to fill the gap left by the withdrawal of the

council's grant for touring by the Old Vic Company.

The company will be led by Anthony Quayle, Bernard Bresslaw, John McCallum, Mel Martin and Googie Withers, and opens at the Nottingham Playhouse next Thursday with Galsworthy's The Skin Game, directed by Clifford Williams. Shaw's The Devil's Disciple, directed by Richard Digby Day, follows later in April. Both plays will be performed at the Malvern Festival and then the company travels to Richmond, where it will open with The Cherry Orchard. Later in the tour Quayle will direct Pinero's Dandy Dick.

Although some of Philip Larkin's poems have been made into songs, next mouth will see the premier of the first piece he has written specifically for players could nope to make a serious to music; a choral find less stimulation perform work, with music by Anthony ing in a large violin section, Hedges, which will be perwhere, despite playing more formed by the Hull Choral notes than others in the or- Union on April 11. Larkin, chestra, they are probably paid who is the librarian at the University of Hull, was com-missioned to do the work to celebrate Hull's latest cause for civic pride: the opening of the Humber Bridge. He can make matters worse. the Humber Bridge. He Apolications for the centre's actually wrote the verses about

mière has been delayed because the completion of the bridge field far behind sche-

It is not quite a psean of praise: six of the 10 verses are praise: six of the 10 verses are devoted to saying how nice it was before the bridge was built—"being alone and not being able to be got at by people from London" was how Larkin describes it. Moreover, he does not see himself using the bridge in the larking the bridge in the larking the bridge in the larking the bridge. the bridge in the near future, although he likes looking at it.

The title of the piece, Bridge for the Living, grew out of the last line: "Always it is by bridges that we live"—a double meaning reflecting Larkin's concern about bridges built between human beings. There is, however, an unintentional third meaning: Larkin points out that Bridge for the Living sounds like the title of something about card games.

Among the works pouring from the pen of Peter Maxwell Davies, a little choral piece holds a special place: it marks the birth of a farmer's of Hoy, where he now lives.

He says it was the first birth in the village for 32 years, a "tremendous event" for the island community. Gennadi Rozhdestvensky will conduct the première in June at the St.

A Night on the Bare Mountain, Pictures from an Exhibition and Nicolai Ghiaurov singing

Football Correspondent England 1 England's latest concoction, on paper an agreeable blend of known successes and young hopefuls, falled to make a persuasive stand for the future at Wembley last night when Spain led after three minutes and merited their first victory over the English in

elebt matches. For Spain, next year's hosts for the World Cup, this was a glorious evening in the rain. Their experimental team, twice beaten by England in the past year, de-fended sternly and they counterattacked so effectively that the new English defence never looked

Although most of the match was spent in the Spanish half, England were more persistent than enterprising and on a diffi-cult surface it must be said they enjoyed little luck. However, to make that a serious excuse would be to blanket a performance that cost them their first home defeat by foreign opposition since the Dutch won in 1977. It was also the first time a team chosen by Ron Greenwood had lost at home. In isolation this was not a match in which victory had to dominate England's minds, but the

tone of the performance, the balance between the new and attested talents, was important as preparation for the World Cup match against Romania only five match against Romania only five weeks away. There was a need for some positive demonstration that the disappointments of last summer could be forgorten, with the welcoming back of Francis and Reegan, the appearance of the lpswich defensive partnership of Osman and Butcher, and another chance for Hoddle to present his intuitive skills. intuitive skillg.

Butcher attempted to Impose himself on the game from the first minute. Ioping through the Spanish half and into their penalty area looking for headers, but one would have urged caution since it was Spain's obvious intent to counter-attack and look for defenders out of position. Osman staved back but committed three errors in his first three minutes and from the third Spain took blue to

Osman's nervousness had twice cost England possession and then as Spain founded a more deep in their own half he and the other England defenders were flum-

Goals by Martin

and Statham fail

Eprin B 3 England B 2 Granadz, March 25.—Late goals from two defenders, Derck Statham and Alvin Martin, failed

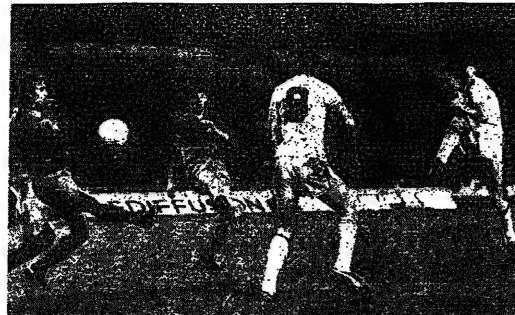
to save England from defeat in the B international here today.

Spain, ureed on by a capacity crowd of 18,000, showed speed and enterprise from the start and ofter 20 minutes Alonso beet the untighted Corrigan with a speculative long shot. Eight minutes the interprise the interpret Public made

refore the interval Rubio made t 20 from the occulty spot after sums had been brought down and funtillang headed in a third three

minutes into the record half after sood work by his Real Madrid club colleague, Hernandez.

to avert defeat



Robson, one of England's better players, fails to score with this fierce shot.

moxed when the linesman allowed Zamora to race across the satu-rated turf and after Clemence rated turf and after Clemence had been drawn, the pass to Satrustegui allowed a comfortable goal. If Spain needed an excuse to sit back and defend, the goal was a gift to their tactics and England had to endure rugged tackles. Victor clamped himself close to Keegan and Mariner was brought crashing by Maceda who had his name taken. Francis could not readjust to the international stage. readjust to the international stage and England were again in serious difficulties. Satrusteg:il was itex-pilicably allowed a free header at the far post when Clemenco and Neal misunderstood each other's

Neal misunderstood each other's intentions and a long, diagonal cross from Juanito allowed Gordillo to hit a shot that deflected on to the crossbar off Neal.

Hoddle had been quiet, slipping in and out of the game and yet his value as an exponent of the unexpected was clearly seen after 28 minutes, Mariner and Keegan had been hurling themselves at sturdy defenders without much success when Robson, playing with assurance, knocked the ball flew across in front of the ball at the first of the ball at the first of the succession that the first of the ball at the first of the succession that the succession

from long-range struck a grand volley past the highly-regarded Spanish goalkeeper, Artonada. England's defence still gave no cause for confidence, being square and slow. Fresh evidence came six and slow. Fresh evidence came six minutes Jater when Juanito again defied a suspicion of offside and, entering the penalty area, was surprised to see that no one had closed in on Zamora who shot beyond Clemence, This was fine counter-attacking but made all the easier by England's poor defensive organization. sive organization.

The Spanish defence, while hardly an example of composure, weathered England's persistent attacking although Arconada surely knew little about the shot he blocked when Robson hammered the ball at him from eight yards or waste a fine concentration to

when his marker, Victor, was replaced by Montero. replaced by Montero.

England chose to take off Brooking and introduce Wilkins but Spain's occasional counterattacks still sliced through midfield and exposed Neal on the right side at the back. Zamora's centre high above Clemence again left the defence confused and Satrustegui ought to have done more with his beader than putting it wide.

In an attempt to avoid their embarrassment, England brought on Barnes but without effect and Spain clung on.



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League have no objections to QPR pitch plan

The League say most of the problems caused by the use of artificial pitches appear to have

The League's letter, which asks for other club's views on Rangers' plan, says: "As this matter is not specifically covered under in the management committee's power to take a binding decision. either in favour of or against the proposal."

Rugby Union bring in a lot of income to clubs that install it. · LISBON: Portugal Janiors 32, Porta-down College (Treland) 19,

keeps Wales on course

Wales 1 Turkey 0 Ankara, March 25.-Carl Harris. the Leeds United winger, today put Wales a step nearer the World Cup finals in Spain next year. His 63th minute goal decided a scrappy game and kept Wales firmly on top of group three. They have taken maximum points from four games, without conceding a goal, and are followed by the Soviet Union, who have opening games. who have won their two

opening games.

The winning goal, which came largely against the run of play, followed an appalling mistake by the Turkish defender Husnu, who had an otherwise faultless game. He headed down a cross from the right and the ball fell straight to Harris, whose left foot shot gave Senol, the goalkeeper, no chance. In the closing minutes the Wales Senoi, the goalkeeper, no chance.

In the closing minutes the Wales goalkeeper, Davies, denied the Turks an equalizer with a brave diving sare at the feet of the menacing Tuncay. The ball rebounded to Halli, whose shot was also blocked by Davies.

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also blocked by Davies.

The young and inexperienced Turks, beaten 4—0 by Wales in Cardiff last October, dominated the game and until the goal they looked to be on the way to a well-earned draw. Neat passing and sharp tackling kept the Welch forwards, Walsh, James and Harris, in check, and at the other end the power of Turcay and Hail's skills on the left frequently threatened the Welsh goal. Both sides found trouble coping with the heavy surface, which became increaringly slippery and cut up as rain fell in the last 20 minutes.

Davies, who was making his

Davies, who was making his fortyfirst appearance for Wales, fortyfirst appearance for Wales, frequently caused panic in his own penalty area by palmung out centres as he came under aerial attack from Tuncay and later from Sinan, who replaced Halil in the seventyfifth minute. Yorath, the Wales captain, did his best to steady his team, but they never found any rhythm and revisited in hitting high balls down the middle, which the forwards were unable to exploit.

The goal came after Miss

The goal came after Mike England, the Wales manager, had brought on Charles for Walsh in an attempt to sharpen his attack. The goal knocked much of the heart out of the Turks, whose fighting display had won them control in midfield for most of the game. The goalmouth scramble in which Davies had to make his two fine saves was the only time the Turks seriously threatened to equality.

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Hockey

Place in finals not out of N. Ireland's reach

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It was wet, it was windy and
Scotland are far from home and
dry in their quest to reach the
World Cup final to Spain next
year. In a match that appeared
to finish early at Hampden Park
last night, Northern Ireland gently
prised open group six by taking
the lead and holding on for a
draw. of legs, had sent him clear. The absence of Delglish, Scotland's attacking givet, was painfully endone erident.
Indeed, it was only Burns, revelling in his midfield role, and McGain, the old warrior, who went forward with conviction. Wark looked out of pece wide on the right and Genoil's evening was adequately summed up when, all alone, he trod on the hall and fell over. Sounces was sorely missed.

the lead and holding on for a draw.

Scotland take over the leader-ship but have now dropped points in front of their own audience. It is as well for them that they have succeeded in heating the two outsiders, Sweden and Israel, on their travels abroad. Jock Steln's target of 11 points, though, still seems a long way away.

The Irish, in emerald-green shirts only a shade darker than the glistening turf, have quietly tiptood into the picture. They showed last year, when they took the home international championship, that they are a competent side and never yield easily. With three home fixtures now to come, Spain is far from beyond their

three home fixtures now to come. Spain is far from beyond their

Spain is far from beyond their reach.

There was no doubting the public interest in the game. Hamaden was like a fly in the middle of a spider's web of traffic Jam's and thousands missed the lick-off. They need not have worried. The opening was undistinguished until Archibald announced his first home International appearance with a flourish after ten minutes.

First he took McGrain's short ball on the edge of the arca, spin round and luit a shot against the right-hand post. Jennings, winning his eighty-fourth cap, could do little about that and was even more stranded five minutes later. A glorious move linking Eurny Wark's head and Andy Gray found Archibald in space, but his shot was headed off the line by Chris his eighty-fourth cap, could do his eighty-fourth cap, could his eighty-fourth cap, could his eighty-fourth cap, could his eight cap, could do his eight cap, could his eigh cap, could his eight cap, could his eight cap, could his eight c

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Athletics

Profitsfrom future races to help inner city areas

By Paul Harrison By Poul Warrison.

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perhaps there are shough lar and ned-equinned sports central and that what is needed now the inner cities are simple "spo harns" that can be fur to me time use. "I think maybe that the sort of thing we can he with". Brasher said.

Missed.

Northern Ireland looked dancrous even before the opening goal arrived after 70 minutes. Burns, not the speedlest of menclumsity felled Hamilton and Missey, leading his side superbiy, trok what amounted to a corner and Hamilton, unmarked, nudded home past Rough. It was the first goal that Scotland had conceded in the World Cun and it reduced the Hampden roar to a soft whimper of whistles.

Within five minutes, the Scriss were level. After their desperate rush of fervour, it was surprisingly composed but then the corect, work, has nerves of steel in the cenalty area. He stole in on the right and couly beat Jenrang to earn Scotland their point.

SCOTLAND: A. Cough Partick and Partick and Missed and College of the Control of t A controlling company, Lond Marathen Limited has been set and any profits will be given and any profits will be exten-the Greater London Council, in allocated to the London borong. The six boroughs directly invol-in the race—Greenwich, Lewish, Southwark. Tower Hamlets, City of London and Westminster will have a prior claim. will have a prior claim.

Brasher points out that the frace has had to bear initial cowhich will not be incurred read, which will not be incurred read. When there will also haven 12 months in which to just the race. There are more thankening on the budget, from provision of 2,000 for latants; wrap around runners in district at a cest of just under £3,000, £1,400 for a pantry at the fin Electricity supply to the fir will cost several thousand command there are 75 outside lateries and a 100ft long urinal the start to be paid for.

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The modey comes from a main sources: the runners the selves and sponsorship. The 7, or so participants have paid at fees of 13 if British and 513 foreign. Nearly 23,000 tried enter, and the disappointed least not their money back 1 least got their money back. I source has raised amund \$23.0 and Gillette, the main spon bave not in \$50,000.

Mast of the shortfall is expecto be made up by subsidiary sy the and rovalties from licer on the selling of a range of commercially products, from a shirts to mugs. There will a be income from a trade evaluation of the selling of t Hon at the Strand Palace Hos where stands are being hired of Costs have been cut to medicumstances. If it rains Sunday, for example, the athle in Greenwich Park will get in Greenwich Park will get in because there was no room in hudger for large marquees theirs them. Apart from out pocker expenses, the ere taking nothing for titals or four months' work, althou they believe it will be impose to continue in this way. " been virtually a full-time jo-Brasher said.

club colleague, Hernandez.

It was only after the third goal that England got in the game. First a sunerh solo effort from Statham the West Bromwich Albion full back, midway through the second half cut the arrears and 10 minutes later Martin, the West Ham Urited defender, punished slipshod defensive work. Sunderland missed two late chances, hut Spain deserved their marrow victory. SPAIN: Urmil Gerardo, Jinmenes. Alvarez, Cundi, Dipeo Alonso, Saura. Moren, Santillana, Rubio.

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Eire bemoan late goal and a controversial decision

Rep Ireland 0 Brussels, March 25.—An eightysixth minute goal from Jan Ceulemans shattered the Republic of
Ircland's World Cup dreams here
tonight. The Irish defended
havely and had a goal disallowed
seconds before half time. Then
they saw their hard work destroyed with a valuable qualifying
point just minutes away.

point just minutes away.

The scoreline does not tell of the industry of the Irish side that lacked their two world class defenders O'Leary and Lawrenson. Their replacements Moran and Martin did a thorough job and it was hearthreaking for them to see Ceulemans finally beat them in the air to score the winning goal.

Reletum's breakthrough come Belgium's breakthrough came when they won a free kick on the cage of the Irish area. Van der Eycken slammed a shot against tibe ber and Ceulemans nodded in the rebound. It was a blow made the rebound. It was a blow made at the worse because Ireland had what seemed a perfectly good goal disallowed by the Portuguese referee Raul Nazarre, Mr Nazarre had his back to the play and was in fact obstructing the Belgian goalkeeper Preud'Homme as Stapleton swept home Brady's quick free kick.

quick free kick.

Irish protests were long and loud, continuing well after the balf-time whistle, until their manager. Eoin Hand, ordered them into the dressing room. The goalless first half had been a moral victory for the Irish.

After the interval the Belgians had torrential rain in their faces

from a fierce storm but they were still quick to break upfield. In the sixtleth minute Gerets crossed for Cuelemans to connect powerfully but McDonagh scrambled the ball but McDonagh scrambled the ball away, and six minutes from time McDonagh somehow changed direction in mid-air to parry a flerce shot from Van der Bergh. The Irish replaced Stapleton with Walsh 18 minutes from the end but Ceulemans finally found a way past McDonagh and Ireland must now beat the Netherlands and France next season if they are to qualify for the 1982 finals in Spain.

BELGIUM: Preud Homme (Standard)
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(Warregen), Meouws (Dub Brugge),
Rongum (Standard), Mommens (Lokenn), Van de Eychon (Club Brigge),
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(Luten), M. Robinson (Brighton)

Muhren scores winner

A well-taken poal from a free kick by Arneld Muhren, who plays for Ipswich Town, helped the Netherlands to a 1-0 win over France in a European group two qualifying metch at Rotterdam yesterday. The Netherlands had to win to retain any hope of qualifying for the World Cup finals.

The Football League are to raise no objections to Queen's Park Rangers' £350,000 scheme to lay an artificial pitch at Loftus Road. In a circular letter to clubs the League say: "In the interest of progress and unless there are very good reasons for objections, the management committee would not wish to raise unnecessary obstacles. Queen's Park Rangers are willing to be used as an experiment for league football on the new surface, which can be inspected now upon notice being given ted now upon notice being given to the club."

errificial pitches appear to have been overcome by the now all-weather "Omniturf" surface, which was demonstrated at the All England Lawn Tennis Cluh at Wimbledon on Monday. Jim Gregory, the Rangers chairman, said after the demonstration that his club would go shead with laying an "Omniturf" pitch at Loftus Road at the end of the current season. current season.

Ron Phillips, the Rangers sec-retary, said: "This is a very far-sighted attitude by the League. We are certain this surface can

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Rugby Union

Mills try gives Barbarians elbow-room

Rughy Correspondent
East Midlands 15 Earbarians 20 The 60th anniversary of the Edgar Mobbs memorial match, which is sponsored these days by Carlisberg, did not produce one of the more distinguished contests at Franklin's Gardens yesterday. However, there was plenty of entertainment for the crowd in the second half as East Midlands,

the second hair as East Midizads, by some way the more committed of the two sides, fought back with spirit after falling 14 points addift. The final margin was two goals and two tries to two goals and a penalty goal

By the final phase the Midlands formed a period of the Midlands forwards, putting early difficulties at the scrummage behind them, were producing plenty of good ball from every source and expos-ing the limitations of the opposing

a concerted drive through the middle and Ebsworth floated out a long pass for Mackaness to put McGuckian over on the left. This solendid try, scored just after the Barbarians' captain, O'Driscoll, had departed with a back strain, was converted by Ebsworth and left East Midlands only five points behind at 9-14. Minutes later Wilson capped another strong attack by crossing the Barbariand and the strain out when they did the strain out of the strain of the strain out when they did the strain out of the strain out when they did the strain out of the strong attack by crossing the Bar-barlans' line but was denied a try because of a knock-on-

because of a knock-on.

It must have seemed like rough justice to the home team when Swift, looping inside Field, sparked off an immediate Borbarian response. Their hooker, Mills, plunged over for a try at the end of a pass from Stephens, his loose head prop, that a local sage stationed by the goal line—and possibly blased—held to be three feet out of true.

ing the limitations of the opposing front five at close quarters. At one piint, indeed, the result might have gone cither way. That stage was reached when Wilkinson, Wilson, Fletcher, Whitehouse and Ashton developed

It took the Barbarians some while to develop any sort of concerted rhythm but when they did they produced a nigh-perfect example of a score from a set plete. This involved a miss pass by Davies behind a scrammage, the entry of Wilson into his line and an accurate distribution overand an accurate distribution over-all before Swift scampered over

move supported by O'Driscoll and Field which had Davies putting over a pinpoint cross kick for Dodgs to score under the post. converted this try made the next with a strong burst supported by both props, which ended with a score by Evans. Just after that Ebsworth got East Mid-lands moving with a penalty goal. kast MIDLANDS (Northampton uniosa stated): C. Mackaness; K. Parker, W. Barker (Bedford): T. Burwell (Letcester), P. McGuckian: M. Ebsworth, G. Fietcher /Bedford): S. Ashton (Bedford), J. A. G. Raphadi (captain): N. Fox. S. Roche (Meiropollian Police): C. Folwell, C. Wilson R. M. Wilkinson (Bedford), A. Whitehouse.

and an accurate distribution overall before Swift Scampered over on the left.

It was a poor first half in most other respects, though Carleton once purred outside the opposing full-back and, on another occasion, lit the proceedings with a relaxed stabbing run through the midfield.

The Irishman. Carr. had a fine game on a Barbarian flank and he it was who charged down a kick by Ebsworth to launch a was and Derby!

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Sevenoaks triumph in schools' sevens

Seveneaks 28 Cwintawe u time to digest their preakiest and seveneaks, who had lost the lifest of their group matches against. Pis mouth on Tuesday, pushed on to win a place in the final of the oven competition and they beat Cwintawe in a ching sided match by four goals and a try to nil. It had been an unusual in their armour had appeared in their armour had appeared in their armour had appeared to the seventually the seventual that the seventual the seventual that the seventual that the seventual that the seventual that the seventual to nil. It had been an unusual the seventual that the final of the oven competition and they beat Countains in a chesided match by four goals and a try to nil. It had been an unusual last act wherein the favourties had failed, and though the rain which now bucketed down was familiar it was dark enough to make it the first floodlit final. With Sevenoaks denying Com-tawe possession. Jon Kearing, Redger (2) and Piggott (2) scored tries and out of the mud Thresher uld well to land four conversions.

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in their armour had appeared airead, —an inability to kick their goals. Apparently they had no sub-stitute for Joyce, who is their goalkicker but who was on duty-with England's 16 group side ogainst Wales at Twickenham. Cowley's deficiency was to plague them again and it was only with the last breath that they survived

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Earlier Cowley had barely had against De La Salle and Hipper-In the top half of the draw

In the top half of the draw Ampleforth played well to win their matches against Loughborough and King Henry VIII, but fell heavily in the quarter-final round against Llandovery. Merchant Taylors' performed well against Llandovery, but the best match in the sixth round was that between Behmont Abbey. From Hereford, and Wirral, from Mersevside. The lead changed Merseyside. The lead changed hands five times before Bekmont scored the last of six tries.

The first of the semi-finals turned the form book upside down when Llandovery, whose brilllance throughout had made them favourities for a place in the final, fell in extra time to Sevenoaks, Daniel Keating, the Sevenoaks captain, said that his side had "gone out to hustle and bustle Llandovery" and in scoring two coals Sevenoaks had achieved as much before their control much before their centre, Thresher, broke to score the winning try in extra time. In the second semi-final the demise of Cowley, who had seemed to have the pedigree of finalists, was less surprising, though they fought back splen-didly against Cwmtawe who scored the try which made the

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difference.

Police run out of puff but survive By Steve Elliott

B. Police 27 B. Colleges 25 It would be hard to imagine a more keenly contested or enjoy-able match than that between the British Police and British Colleges yesterday. Police won by three goals, two penalty goals and a dropped goal, to a goal, a try, a dropped goal and four penalties.

Although the constructive rugby came from Police initially, it was the Colleges' tall centre Steele who earned them the lead with two calmy taken penalties before a beautiful jinking run by Osborne ended in his try, which Halford converted to level the scores. Bernard went off with a nastily cut cheek after 30 minutes, his place being taken on the nashly the cheek after 50 minutes, his place being taken on the flank for Colleges by Collinson of St John's. Immediately the mercurial Osborne was at his tricks again, breaking incisively and putting Parsons in for a try after he had broken three tackles. Halford converted but Steele's third A dropped goal by Latter for the Police, then a penalty by Steele, followed by a magnificent team try scored by Steele, kept the Colleges' hopes alive. Police pressure and off however and pressure paid off, however, and they drew ahead with a goal and two penalties before the Colleges responded again with a dropped goal and a try. But the conversion which would have levelled the

scores went astray.

England's Halpin evades the clutches of Rees on the way to the try-line.

English boys flatter only to deceive

By David Hands England 10 England 10 Wales 14
Traditional Welsh virtues at half back and better organization at forward brought Wales 2 deserved win in the 16 group schools international at Twickenham yesterday. It was England's first defeat at this level since 1978 and their first against Wales since 1975, when they lost in Cardiff. Playing down the wings of a stiff breeze in the first half, the Welsh boys established an 11—4 lead and finished winners by two tries and two penalty goals to day and two penalties. Despite their capacity for giving away penalties, and Joyce's capacity for clicking them, the Welsh exerted much more control in the dight and loose scrums.

The platform from which Park

The platform from which David The platform from which David Wright and Jones were able to dictate much of the course of the game was thus considerably better than that given the English halves. For England it was a return to reality after their 12-try thrashing of the Netherlands on Sunday Sunday.

England flattered to deceive in the opening 10 minutes. They dominated possession, all the backs had their chance to handle, and Halpin scored a splendid try

after his forwards had churned towards the Welsh posts before releasing the ball. Speedy passing gave Halpin space to veer outside the cover and cross in the corner; the cover and cross in the corner;

England's edge at the lineout, mainly through Dryden and Clark, continued throughout the match but was offset by the superiority of the Welsh scrummage and their work with the loose ball. In this respect it is worth noting the comparative absence of the pile-up. The rucking of the Welsh boys was particularly good, their back row frequently driving from lineouts and laying back the ball in a manner which even a New Zealander might have recognized. Bevan and Dibble played their part in all of this.

Jones, after a bad miss from

part in all of this,

Jones, after a bad miss from in front of the posts, began the Welsh revival with a penalty. England's Wright, Martin, came away from a incout, but the ball fell right for Wales and their Wright, David, with the support of his forwards, crossed in the corner. A crushing tackle by Joyce prevented another Welsh try as the rain began to fall, but Harriman, the hooker, was over again in the corner on the end again in the corner on the end of a rolling mani.

Joyce, the Cowley centre with

the big boot, landed two penalties from 45 metres in the second half to bring England to within a point; but Jones kicked his a point; but Jones kicked his second penalty and though England forced two lineouts on the Weish line in the dying minutes. Dibble won them both. The noise from the packed West lower stand, which had echoed round the ground like stereophonic sound at the start, became distinctly muted. became distinctly muted.

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Stright, Capain, N. S. Wright (Leeds CS).

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through mud to narrow victory By Alan Gibson Bristol 7 Pantypaci A sodden pitch and a drin : evening: routh as usual—thought resignedly—and a pi thought resignedly—and a pi with two good ronning sides play. Eristol have had the betty of matches between the clubs to many years, but Pontypool has been having the better seast especially latterin. A somewh-embittered Bristol supporter to me that some of their perfort ances recently had been "hi Bishopston E on New Year Day".

Postypool, against the wind to that there was all that much of began with a vigorous attack askept it up for a quarter of a hour, after which their scrum hall the scrum ha Canon, scored a smart try, Briss bucked up for a bit and So-kicked a penalty goal, but Pont pool were soon at them again, an, a passing movement, remarkable skilful in the conditions, led to another try by Hussey on the left There had been a brawl or he just before and the atmosphere the time was not happy, but I are pleased record that that Brisy rowd responded to this admirable try with a hearty cheer. Husse would have scored again befor half time, but the last pass of an half time, but the last pass of an other deft move was just forward. In the second half Polledri, whe had taken a knock earlier, waterplaced by Tomlin, who playe well. Bristol began it as confidently as Ponn pool had don the first, and Caren scored at excellent try on the left. I could discern no reason for this sudder change of pattern. Clearly discera no reason for this sudde change of pattern. Clearly neither could Pontypool, because they resumed occupation of the Bristol half for nearly all the resumed of the match. Bristol's only other real chance of scoring was when stiff narrowly missed with penalty, whereas Pontypool missed three, as well as a drop at goal by Crabtree which only an only by Crabtree which only an only expected gust of wind flicked away. Pontypool also came, living within a few teet of another my. So there was still only a point, in it at the enal, the different work that the chall, the different ponalty goal. And the maintained its interest, though it got muddler and muddler, because that the state of t got muddier and muddier, because the narrow margin. would have been a sham if some would have been a sham if Sout-freak occurrence, never impossib-in the slipperiness, had depired.
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Boxing

what

went wrong

in the ring

Pat Thomas, of Cardiff, will sit down for a few days and think about what went wrong with his British light-middleweight title

sideways on stance allowed him no leverage against a southpaw moring away, anti-clockwise at first, and jabbing and throwing combinations with great speed, Thomas was bewildered and remained so until the end.

Mr Hall, however, believes that had the adrenain flowed and Thomas been match sharp be would have won. So if Thomas wants to carry on boxing Mr Hall.

wants to carry on boxing. Mr Hall might suggest to him regular engagements in Europe to stay

By Srikumar Sen Boxing Correspondent



England likely to bring in Athey and Downton for fourth Test

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Antiqua, March 25

The England party arrived here the england party arrived here this afternoon and found the jland on fete-for yesterday, wedding between Vivian Richards and his "childhood sweemeart" and Friday's fourth Test match, which will be Antigua's first. It has abough the Prince of Market is as though the Prince of Wales were to be married on the Isle of Wight and a Test match played were to be married on the Isle of Wight and a Test match played there in the same week.

The England team for Friday will show a change or two, almost certainly, from the one that lost the third Test in Barbados. Athey, for one thing, is likely to be at No 3, where Rose batted in the first Test and Gatting in the third. For another, Downton looks set to return as wicketkeeper.

Two other places are in contention, one between Jackman, Stevenson and Old, the other between Butcher, Gatting and Miller. In his first Test match in Barbados, Jackman took five wickets and was the most accurate in the begiven not out when the popular conception of a Carlibbean ton, whose last six indings accorded much more with the popular conception of a Carlibbean tour, so that k was with east heavy hearts, as well as with a victory under their belts—albeit a modest number today.

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however, having slight muscular trouble. Old's experience, unlike his fitness record or his batting against fast bowling, is in his favour, while Stevenson, though punnished in the second immines against Leeward islands, took five wickets in the first. The chances are that Jackman, so long as he is fit, will hold his place having done nothing to lose it.

For coming to the rescue in he was six. Batting, however, has so much to do with confidence and confidence with making runs that it might this time be kinder of Miller. Whoever it is would probably settle now for 30 in each innings of the Test match: so far in four Test innings only Gooch. Boycott and Gower have managed to get that far.

The few days just spent in Montsertat made a merciful

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about what went wrong with his British light-middleweight title defence against Herol Craham, of Sheffield, and decide whether to continue his ring career.

On Tuesday math at the Sheffield City Hall, Thomas went 15 rounds without thowing a punch of significance. The Weishman staked and stalked but was unable to lay a glove on the clever and lively challenger. I do not believe that in the whole bout Thomas threw more than a score or so punches, his first coming in the fourth round. In the end, Sid Natham, the referee, scored it 150 to 143—which meant that Graham won every round but one and that was shared. I did not give Thomas one round. Had Graham been as hard a puncher as he was skilful, he would have knocked Thomas out several times over.

There seems to be no explanation for Thomas's performance. He was fit and well as he admitted afterwards but "just couldn't get to him." Clive Hall, his manager, also admitted that he was several times in a position to collar the dancing Graham, but did not, "Pat does not like to waste a punch," he said.

I can only put it down to the fact that Thomas's wide-based sideways-on stance allowed hun no leverage against a southpaw moring away, anti-clockwise at first.

Golf

Newmans manage smile in defeat

Golf Correspondent Two players remain to carry the fing for the women in the Sunningdale foursomes, Stephanie Lowe, a 16-year-old Shrewsbury

Line, a 16-year-old Shrewsbury schoolgirl, and Amanda Middle-too, a professional attached to the home club. Yet it was a third, Pauline Newman, who held much of the interest yesterday.

Mrs Newman, a 29-year-old teaching professional at the side-of her husband Robert at Maidenhead, was heaten in the fourth round, but in such heroic circum-

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stances that the paid were able to smile in defeat.

Three times in the last 18 months Mrs Newman has had to have major surgery for three different serious aliments. That she should even think about competitive golf is a minor triumph, but she and her husband got through two rounds, after receiving a bye, and yielded only on the last green to Clifford Potts and Martin Wild, the two young lions who had knocked out the hulders. Neal Coles and Doug McClelland, the day before.

Potts holed from 10ft for a two on the 18th to go two up and (+1) R. Hall and C. Phillips
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stances that the paid were able to smile in defeat.

Three times in the last 18 when Mrs Newman failed to carry the heather fronting the 14th fair way by a great distance, knowing heads nodded sagely. Pacline, poor have major surgery for three different serious aliments. That who could blame her?

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playing a full part in the recovery. She then struck a good drive at heshard to hole from 6in for a four. Alas, he never had a chance: Potts got home from 12ft for a three, one of the few birdles on that hole all day.

might suggest to him regular engagements in Europe to stay sharp and then return at the right moment to square accounts if he wishes.

Thomas's failures should take nothing away from Graham, who boxed delightfully although from time to time he laid on the Sugar Ray Leonard jam a little too thickly. But his 2,000 admirers who packed the hall were highly appreciative. His chin is untested however and will remain so until some Sebastian Coc of the ring gets after him and tags him.

Kenty to defend: Hilmer Kenty will defend his World Boxing Association (WBA) lightweight title against fellow American Sean O'Grady on April 12, the promoter Bob Arum announced yesterday.

O'Grady, the WBA's number one contender, unsuccessfully challenged Jim Watt for the World Boxing Council (WBC) title in Glasgow last November.

The bout was stopped in the 12th round after a clash of heads in the 10th round after a clash of heads in the 10th round after a clash of heads in the 10th round fad opened. a long, vertical cut on the American's lorechead. O'Grady had had the better of the fight before he was injured.

O'Grady's first fight since that defeat brought him a pojots victory over Jose Cabrera of Mexico a week ago. He has won 74 of his 76 fights.

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However, the Newmans then took three holes in a row to get back to all square, with the wife

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Badminton

No blood and thunder from **Delfs and Hartono**

By Richard Streeton

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The eagerly awaited first round meeting between Rudi Hartono of Indonesia and Flemming Delfs of Denmark, the present and immediate past world champions, produced something of a damp squib at Wembley yesterday at the start of the All England Badminton championships, sponsored by John Player. Hartono won a tame, unexiliarating march 15-3, 15-4. Although the spectators paid these former great players, the compliment of ignoring the other six courts in use while their match lasted, the crowd afterwards were left with a feeling of having been let down.

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almost to a slow motion film.
There were deceptions galors; there were some clever placements and changes of length and pace, particularly by the Indonesian.
Absent: however, was the blood and thunder expected from such a match. The many school parties present will be able to tell their grandchildren they saw Hartono and Delfs in action but, sadly, they will quickly pass on to discuss other players.

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The contest lasted 36 minutes. Only once in the first game, with Hartono 12-8 aftead, was there a fierce rally. The Indonesian, who had moved into the lead at 7-6, rushed through the last five points with ondy two changes of service. In the second it was even more one sided although mothing happened to suggest that Hartono will win the pile yet again next Sunday.

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It was admittedly an unfortunate draw and Hartono, the eight times All-England champion in the past, playing at Wembley for the first time since 1978; did no more than he had to 'to win. Both men, clearly past their west, ahared deft and skillful touches at the met, and there were few relies Bridge of England was responsible for the first seed being beaten which probably suited the two men, both 29, and recently troubled by foot injuries.

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Working out Dunphy one to follow from Mrs Head's stable

From Desmond Stoneham French Racing Correspondent Paris, March 25 The French Flat season has heen in progress for nearly a month and certain important Chandlly trainers have still to and their first runner. This snap which virtually closed the has been mainly due to a cold training tracks during 10 days of february, but also a reluctance to run horses on courses which, again due to the weather, have not been in the best condition. By the end of March three group

not been in the nest constitution. By the end of March three group races will have been run and the classic season begins to build up with the reopening of Longchamp on April 5.

The Parisian racecourses have a prize money budget this year of 150m francs of which 47 per tent (Fr 71m) is distributed by the Societé d'encouragement, the body controlling Longchamp, Chantilly and Deauville. With the exception of the Prix Lupin and Grand Critérium, all group races in France this year have increased prize money with the most spectacular coming in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. To be run for the 60th time on October 4, this year's Arc will be worth Fr2m to the winner 166 per tent up on 1980), but there will be no additional 50 per cent prize to the owner of a French-bred winner.

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year looks like being no excep-tion. Her main classic hope is the Riverman celt, Dumphy, and he makes his reappearance in the he makes his reappearance in the nine and threquarter furloug Prix de Guiche at Longchamp on Easter Monday before contesting the Prix Lupin (May 17). Dumphy showed fine acceleration to win last September's Prix des Chênes and then went on to finish third to Recitation and Critique in the Grand Criterium. Dumphy is reported to have passed the winter well and a run in the Epsom Derby is not ruled out by the cult's connexions.

Mrs Head has plenty of other Mrs Head has plenty of other promising three-year-olds in her stable. The ones I would note are Detroit's half sister, Derly Prix de la Grotte and French 1,000 Guineasi, Lydian, Sonoma, who will acceptable like her full who will go sprinting like her full sister Sigy, Valburg, Riverdiaa. Really Lucky and the unraced colt, Belman.

Alec Head does not seem to have so much talent in his stable. His main hope is Prince Mab, who ran third in the Prix Morny and was just pipped by Miswaki in the Prix de la Salamandre, Prince Mab goes for the Prix de Fontainebleau (April 5) and then the Poule d'Essai des Poulains (Freech 2000 Guineas) en April

his day, as he proved when finishing third to Master Willie and Calra Rouge in the Beason and Hedges Gold Cup at York last August.

However, not only is Barry

Rider, who is now back in France, and looking a picture. This powerful son of Northern Dancer runs in the Fornal Powerful and then the French 2,000. As a two-year-old Cresta Rider won the group two Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte before taking fourth place behind Recitation in the Grand Criterium. Other immotes of the Boutin stable sure to be successful this season are Bardenac, Russian Fox, Brustolon, Brinkbero and the filly, Bernica, who runs first in the Prix Vameaux (April 20) and is now partly owned by Niarchos.

Lester Piggott came to Chap-Lester Piggott came to Chan-Lester Piggott came to Chan-tilly on Monday to partner The Wonder in a training gallop. Trained by Jacques de Chevigny, The Wonder goes straight for either the Prix Greffulhe (April 12) or the Prix Noailles eight days later. Last season, The Wonder captured the Prix de Conde and Critarium de St. Cloud and was Criterium de St-Cloud and was unlucky when third to Mariacho and Arc d'Or in the Prix Saint-Roman. The Wonder looks destined for further success, as does Mariacho, who is trained by Fréddie Palmer. The cult never raced again after the Saint Roman, has wintered well, and will be seen again in the Prix Greffulke. the Poute d'Essan des Poulairs (French 2,000 Guineas) on April 26. The speedy filly Greenway should also earn money for the stable and a lot is expected of the unraced, Fin Gourmet.

for the frost to close Chamilly's training tracks and took some of mained unbeaten but for swallow-ing his tongue in the Prix des Chènes. Emmanuel Chevalier du his stars to winter in the warmth of Pisa in Italy. Among the party has Stavros Niarchos's Cresta Rider, who is now back in France, Fau raced the colt in the Prix Omnium II at St-Cloud this after has a title tilly in Ancient kegime, who ran second in the Prix Robert Papin, won the Prix Morny and then fractured a bone when running down the field in the Prix de la Salamandro. She is now in perfect health and will tackle the Prix de la Grotte hefore the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches. Olivier Doubeb's hopes of a classic winner this season mainly rest with Irish Playboy and Robert Sangster's tilly, Phydilla. She goes for the Prix de la Grotte and then the French 1,000 Guineas. Irish Playboy, the winner of the Prex Rubert Papin, is another for the Fontainebleau with eyes on the Paulains. Another young trainer with a porential champion is David Smaga. He now trains I'll Take Paris, who was bought out of the Bourin stable by Daniel Wildenstein during the winter and appears first in the Prix Vanteaux. Figally, of the older horses in Finally, of the older horses in training who should be worth fol-lowing in 1981, I pick last year's Arc de Triomphe heroine, Detroit, Argument, Arvenne, Glenorum and Ruscelli, who all meet in the prix d'Harçourt, and Lancastrian, Gold River, In Fijar, Hilal and

Bonol could continue Easterby's winning streak

Peter Easterby, fresh from his triumphs with Sea Pigeon and Little Owl at Cheltenham, can start the 1981 flat racing season on a high note by winning the Doncaster Mile with Bonol this afternoon Doncaster's enterprise

on a high note by winning the Doncaster Mile with Bonol this afternoon, Doncaster's enterprise in staging this £10,000 conditions race has been rewarded, as Bonol, Cracaval and Son Fils are three useful horses to have attracted on the first day of the campaign.

Bonol had only a short three year-old career. He showed a liking for soft ground when successful ar this meeting last March and again when winning the Northern Free Handicap at Newcastle. Easterby then sent Pat Muldoon's colt down to Newmarket for the Craven Stakes. Bonol moved badly on the way to the start and although he ray respectably, could only finish fourth to Tyrnayos. He was then due to run at Royal Ascot, but met with an accident when being loaded into a horse-box and cracked a bone in his leg. Benol was confined to his stable for three months but is now reported to be fully recovered and to have excelled in his recent homework.

However, not only is Barry Hills' four-year-old not entirely reliable, he is also more effective over longer distances. The same proviso certainly applies to Son Fils who, despite having only one success last season turned in several fine performances, notably when running Nicholas Bill to a neck at Newmarket's July meeting. Over Bonol's best distance the Yorkshire-trained colt is a confident selection. Finding the winners will obvinusly not be easy, although in the Northern Handicap most of the runners are sure to be fit. Part of Peace, Induto, Killer Shark and

Grey Mountain have all been busy hurding and Clive Brittain's candidate, Marcello, has already won two of his three races in Cagnessur-Mer. Killer Shark has the ability to win this race. Guy Harwood's horses are re-

Cracaval is a top-class colt on Stakes, the Pulborough trainer is represented by Stantellas, who on his only appearance as a two-year-old showed a deal of promise for old showed a deal of promise for the future when fourth to Button Top at Newmarker in October. There is also a whisper abroad for Edward Hide's mount, Saulingdale. Last October Bill Elsy's colt showed his ability to cope with heavy ground when third to Supreme Fjord in a nursery on this track, but Santellas is still preferred.

preferred.

Paddock experts will be expected around the parade ring to inspect the runners for the first two-year-old race of the season, the Brocklesby Stakes. The best reports concern Six Legs. Sired by Three Legs out of a French-bred mare, Denys Smith's colt is said to have been working well at Bishop Auckland and is thought likely to go close to winning.

Finally, some lumping news. Finally, some jumpling news.
Michael Dickinson said yesterday
that Silver Buck is in good heart
and will renew his Chelitenham
Gold Cup rivalry with Night
Nurse in the Welsh Champion
Chase at Chepstow on Easter
Tuesday, At Towcester this after.

3.35 DONCASTER MILE (£7,167: 1m)

noon. Flaguar can record his fourth victory in succession for Tim Forster in the Wood Burcote Handicap Chase and Roadhead, who was not disgraced when third to Shannon Bridge and Dancirz Brig at Lingfield, should have the measure of his opponents in the Manning Huoters' Challenga Cup.

Keiso results

2.15: 1. Hope of Oak 77-2 fay: 2. Paul Scarlet (6-1). 3. Conl Sci 113-11. 17 ran. NR. My Star Hussar. 2.45: 1. See Jam 15-1: 2. Paul Scandy (4-1: 3. Camdonagh 120-11. Kelso Chan; and Another Capital 11-4 it fays. 9 ran. NR: Scrunch. Freeze.

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4.16: 1. Lord Provest (5-4 fav.)
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Doncaster programme

[Television (ITV): 2.35, 3.5 and 3.35 races]

2.0 BROCKLESBY STAKES (2-y-o c and g : £1,629 : 5f) 2.35 NORTHERN HANDICAP (£3,282: 1½m)

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Grey Mountain (D). P. Kelloway. 8-9-1 L. Pingent 9
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4.5 FRENCH GATE SWEEPSTAKES (3-y-o maidens: £1,035: 7f) 7-3 Standon Rock, 4-1 Holmbury Lad, 6-2 Santellas, 5-1 Scrpina, 13-4 R-1 Pick a Siraw, 12-1 Operation Cyth, 16-1 Saulingdale, 30-1 others.

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604 0201-3 Shallan (P), C. Hunter, 9-5 . J. Bidah 9
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Lord Wimpy, 14-1 Prince Brownif, 16-1 others. **Doncaster selections**

By Michael Seely
2.0 Six Legs. 2.35 Killer Shark. 3.5 Chumwar. 3.35 BONOL is specially recommended. 4.5 Santellas. 4.35 Shangarry.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Milk Heart. 2.35 Killer Shark. 3.5 El Presidente. 3.35 Braughing.
4.5 Standon Rock. 4.35 King Bidder.

2.45 LOUISE STOCKDALE CHALLENGE CUP CHASE (Handicap: 1904; 2m) 342 Pine Brock, 7:11-11 ... Barron 10/ Fistry Knox, 6-11-9 Mr Whetlam 502 Ferryn Legion, 10-11-2 McNaily 551 Linard. 10-10-9 ... Mr Sharpe 500 Dandy Man. 12-10-6 ... Walle 420 Sydney Quin, 9-10-4 ... Webber

7-4 Pine Brook, 5-2 Flurry Knox, 4-1 Foreign Leglan, 9-2 lzzyfast. 3.15 WHITTLEBURY HURDLE (Hands-cap: 61,107: 2m) 3.15 WHITTLEBURY HURDLE (Handicap): 41,107: 2m)

00 Fothard Festival, 7-11-7 K. Davies 300 Veramenia, 6-11-6 ... Carnoul 100 Poor Excuse, 6-11-4 ... Charles 5-00 Yule Siar, 8-11-4 ... M. Thomson 700 Blow Your Top., 6-10-9 McNally 153 Breez Along, 5-10-8 Francome 700: Simbad, 6-10-8 ... Wilkinson 150 Speed of Light, 7-10-8 ... Covide 100 Cay Twenties, 7-10-8 ... Ministry 100 Cay Twenties, 7-10-8 ... Ministry 100 Humboles, 5-10-5 ... Ministry 100 Humboles, 5-10-5 ... Molan 100 Humboles, 5-10-0 ... Keightley 5010-Level Flant, 5-10-0 ... Tuck 100 Humboles, 5-10-0 ... Keightley 5000 Pulls Brazz's Boy. 5-20-0 ... Keightley 5000 Pulls Brazz's Boy. 5-20-0 ... Smiltin Off Silont Tango, 7-10-0 ... Silongs 4 Mericite, 6-10-0 ... Buryon Repts 7-4-5 Imbad, 5-1 Green Along, 9-2

O'Neill 5.45 WOOD BURGOTE CHASE (Hand-tap : £987 : 5m 190yd) 3.45 WOOD SURCOTE CHASE (Hastings: Cap: 2007; 3m 190yd)

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100 Joint Venture. 12-10-13. Ammino.

111 Flagstaff. 9-10-1. Francome

112 Railway Line. 9-10-7 Mr Webber

123 Physicist. 9-10-4. Smith Eccles

124 Railway Line. 9-10-6 Martings

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1-12 Thermoder, 11-12-5 Maundrell
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Miss Allen starting to put the record straight

From Dennis Lehane New York, March 25 Lesie Allen today defeated the higher-ranked Hanna Mandlikova in straight sets 7—5, 6—1 in the opening game of the women's finals, sponsored by Avon, in Madison Square Gardens. Only the top seed, Martina Navratilova has blowed in the Avon Finals before top seed, Martina Navrailova has played in the Avon finals before. Chris Lloyd, Tracy Austin and Billie-Jean King were absent through injury and Evonne Cawley, is pregnant.

Miss Allen is from Ohio, but has recently moved to Manhatten. This has elevated her to the status of 'New Yorker', and thus the only home town girl in the field. But there was more significance

But there was more significance to her victory than "home town girl makes good",

gri makes good",

Miss Allen is, in fact, almost
a cliche, for she is young,
beautiful, black and a college
graduate. She is the first black
woman tennis player to emerge
in world tennis in a generation.
Not since Althea Gibson won
Wimbledon and the United States
championship in 1958 had a black
woman won a leading tournament. woman won a leading tournament, before Miss Allen won an Ayon tournament in Detroit last month. She is six feet tall with long, sleader legs full of power and grace. Her's is a power game, founded on a builtet-like first formidable second: a spong, punchy, double-fisted backband, and a winning whiplash forehand. She goes for her shots, and when

they come off, as they did in the second set against Mis Mandli-kova, she seems unbeatable. She clearly has the equipment to become a force in women's tennis, but has she the temperament? Today's game would suggest

that it is the hitherto more highly-rated Miss Mandlikova whose temperament is suspect. In an opening set of even fortunes with both women making unforced errors, perhaps because of early nerves, it was the 19-year-old Czech girl who finally cracked. She broke Miss Allen to lead 3—2 but immediately lost her own serve, double-faulting at 15—40 down. Miss Allen lost the minth game to love, but Miss Mandlikova could not press home her advantage.

This tense game of the first set was to be the turning point of the match. In the interval between the minth and tenth games, Miss Allen appeared to write in a note-book. She explained that it was a way of relieving tension:
"Instead of just sitting there brooding, I wrote down things like "Gee, you are a good tennis player. You can get your first serve in."; she said.

Miss Mandlikova won only one more game, breaking Miss Allen in the first game of the second set. Miss Allen, having overcome Miss Mandlikova in a shade under 45 minutes in the first set, took the second set in 20, winning the last six games in a row. last six games in a row.

Cambridge ring the changes but draw little comfort

By Jim Railton

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One can only commiserate with Cambridge at the moment. Yesterday, just 10 days before the Boat Race, they went out with three different line-ups in the space of two outings. Their quest appears to be for a new number seven but, when experiments needed to be attempted, Cambridge were at half-thrortle all day with their number six, Graham Phillips, still feeling the effects of a virus.

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In the morning they set off from Purney in their usual crew order but stopped at Hammersmith to allow Cowie at bow to change with Baart at seven. They rowed against their host club, Barclays Bank, but, nursing Phillips, "raced" short pieces and only once made much of an impression on Barclays. The Cambridge coach, Graeme Hall, explained with a twinkle in his eye.: "A temporary change can have a habit of becoming permanent."

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of becoming permaneur."
Well, this change lasted for just a couple of hours. For the afternoon outing the Cambridge president, James Palmer, moved up to seven, Cowie took his place at five and Baart remained in the bows,

Cambridge cancelled their outing against London University and understandably again could do little in terms of work. However, Palmer appears on this scarty evidence to have given more length and cohesion to back up the stroke, Dalrymple, but one can only wonder how, after weeks of training, the right blend has not been achieved before arriving at Putney Thare is a desperse in Putney. There is a desperate in-security, but fortunately Cam-bridge now have an Olympic coach at the helm. At the moment he has a daunting task.

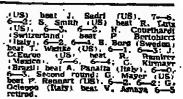
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Oxford were in lively form yesterday morning but looked unsteady in the afternoon on the top of the tide. The reason for this soon became apparent, when the coach, Dan Topolski, explained that the seats were twisting as they rowed up and down the slide. "It is nerve-racking", he said, particularly as all the seats have just been changed. Oxford have to get their equipment shipshape at once, for without a steady floating base they cannot demonstrate their real potential.

TODAY'S OUTINGS: Oxford, 10.39 and 5.30; Cambridge 10.30 and 5.0.

Tennis

Milan; First round: M. Winder (Swadon) beat P. Rennert (US).
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The questions unanswered in the Hayman case

Ronald Butt on parliamentary privilege and the unexplained attitude of

the Director of Public Prosecutions in the use of his discretion

Member of Parliament to say, inside the House of Commons, whatever he thinks ought to be said, protected from an action of libel, is granted in the public interest. It exists so that the nation's elected representatives should be free to speak when they think that the public good is thwarted by the restrictions on such openness outside Par-

Like any other privilege it can be abused, and it seems to be the opinion of some that Mr Geoffrey Dickens did abuse it when he refused to accept that the Director of Public Prosecutions had used his discretion tions had used his discretion well in refraining from taking proceedings against Sir Peter Hayman for sending pornographic material (of a paedophiliac kind) through the mail, which is illegal under the Poet hich is illegal under the Post

It has even been suggested that Mr Dickens's revelations of the problems of his own lovelife somehow diminish his right to pass the "moral judgment" implicit in the naming of Sir Peter Hayman. That is easily disposed of. If every man who has left his wife (or vice versa) or whose style of announcing the fact is risible, were to disqualify bimself from making moral judgments on other and graver matters, we should find, an alarmingly high proportion of the nation inhibited from esserting that murder is wrong and from taking any action open to them to back up that

Last New Year's Eve (but as Dr

Johnson said, a man is not on oath on New Year's Eve), I took as my

starting-point the case of a Turkish

diplomat murdered in Australia a week or two before by a group of Armenians, who claimed to have committed the crime because of Turkish atrocities against the Armenian people during the First World War. This struck me a rether

World War. This struck me as rather a long time to keep thoughts of

revenge alive, and I said so. I still think so, as a matter of fact, but

since my words appeared I have

reason these have caused me to give

further thought to the subject is

that what was only a fleeting recol-

ection of something nasty in the

in the light of the information I

have been sent, turned into a spectre

mitted atrocities against the Armeni-

laboured in the shadow of ignorance,

one of the vilest crimes of the cen-

the truth is that only Hitler, Stalin

and Mao murdered more, in absolute

numbers, than the Turks, and the

Turks, measured by the ratio of their

General, and whether the public interest justified the naming of Sir Peter Hayman notwithstanding all other considerations. There is no dispute by Sireter Hayman's solicitor, Sir David Napley, that his client was involved in passing porcography illegally through the mail. Sir David's justification of the DPP's decision not to prosecute was on the quite difprosecute was on the quite dif-ferent grounds that a custom-ary factor taken into account when deciding whether to prose-cute was "whether the indirect punishment and hardship which o defendant may suffer is likely to be so disproportionate to the severity of the alleged offence and to any penalty im-posed by a court that it would be unjust to prosecure"

posed by a court that it would be unjust to prosecute "."

"This", Sir David asserted,
"was overwhelmingly the situa-tion in Sir Peter's case, and manifestly justifies the direc-tor's decision." On the con-trary. Far from justifying the DPP's decision, the excuse con-demns it. If a man is to be excused the due processes of law, other things being equal, because he is well known, then we are indeed in a two nations we are indeed in a two nations

It may be said that the DPP does not act precisely on the criterion as phrased by Sir David Napley, but rathe, on a broader and looser concept of the public interest—but we are still entitled ask how this is interpreted. interpreted, particularly since and from taking any action open to them to back up that moral judgment.

So the real question is whether the underlying issue in the Hayman case was sufficiently grave and important for Mr Dickens to exercise his right to prefer his own judgment to that of the DPP and of the more warned to appear in court.



Sir Thomas Hetherington, Director of Public Prosecutions, and Mr Geoffrey Dickens: a question of judgment.

But all this is of secondary importance to the fundamental importance to the fundamental question, which is wasther this was a sufficiently trivial case to justify the clemency of non-prosecution, whether granted to a diplomat or a dustman. Of course, we understand the special suffering of prominent people when they fall into ignominy, and most of us raight agree that they should be spared it, by the DPP's discretion where the offence really tion where the offence really is trivial or merely pathetic. But the offence here is anything but merely trivial or pathetic.

Some may argue that passing pornography through the post, though illegal, is not a very serious offence. But this was not pornography involving what might be called consenting adults but requiring the abuse of children. The issue is not whether a paedophile should or should not be purished for his inclination, but whether he can be allowed to indulge a taste which often requires the exploitation of real children to cater for it, and who are trapped, sometimes by poverty in other countries, into doing the allowed the productions. what pleases the paedophiles.
Some years ago I wan shown
material of this kind at Scotland Yard that was the subject
of a case before the courts. It was a case about which I had been making inquiries princi-pally because of the curlous and incomprehensible reluctance of the DPP's office at that time to call an "expert" witness for the prosecution to counter the "expert" witnesses customarily called by the defence to orgue that even the most bestial por-

after hesitation that the decision was made to call him for the prosecution officially. Significantly, the prosecution was successful in this case, 25 it had not been when the defence "expert" witnesses went un-The material in that particu-

lar case was loathsome beyond any normal imagining and it involved children, not fantasy figures. We cannot escape from the fact that in one way or another pornography of this nature always does involve real children, either because they are employed to make it or berause it escalates a taste which

Indeed, we now have a law (put on the statue book against the wish of the Home Office at the time which chose to think there was no real problem) to probibit the use of children in pornography. This law can only protect children in this counprovision for ourselves, con we really say that it is a nivial matter if the addiction of the paedophiles here is allowed to encourage the making of child pornography in other countries?

The attempted spread of psedophilia and its justification must not be assisted by county-ing at the escape from the law of addicts who are prominent in public life, as though the suffering of their ignominy is greater than that of the victims of their sexual perversion

of their sexual perversion.

Yer we are invited to listen, straight-faced, to the self-oltying paedophiles, one of whose nography could have "theranography could have "therapeutic" value. Dr John Court
had come from Australia on a
private institutive prepared to
give evidence, but it was only

Indeed, one of the most alarming phenomena of recent years has been the attempt to rationalize paedophika as inescapable for some people, or even as comparatively harmless. Some of those most guilty of

conniving at the attempt to make the paedophile "move-ment" respectable have been other pressure groups in re-ceipt of government money and support. Five years ago (Janu-ary 22, 1976) I drew attention ary 22, 1976) I drew attention at the time of an attempt to abolish the age of consent to the activities of the Paedophile Information Exchange, and pointed out that Mind Out, the journal of the then National Association for Mental Heaith, now MIND, had given PIE as "one of the arguitations to "one of the organizations to write to" for sexual minorities, had organized a two day "workshop" on paedophilia, and had printed a paedophile plea: "We are warm and gentle people. What has to change is attitudes to children's sexuality and parents' attitudes to their children."

On another occasion, Mr Tony Smythe of MIND told a paedo phile meeting (presumably because he thought the predophiles were moving too fast for their own successi: "You have touched the funny bone of society. I urge you to gradualize your efforts." Like-wise, "Release", an organiza-tion concerned with drug addicts, for a time provided PIE with an accommodation address, which was given on PiE's enrolment form.

We can now see how near PIE came to achieving a kind of respectability among radical pressure groups and even a bland tolerance in Whitehall, and it is in the public interest

family men with a lot to lose". that this movement and its supporters should not be left in the dark simply because some the dark simply because some of its people are deemed too eminent for public identification. We also have to worry that those who have extended a helping hand to PIE have too often seemed concerned not to the people of the peo help paedophiles to overcome their addiction but to persuade the rest of the world to accept it as inevitable and tolerable.

A former DPP, Sir Norman Skelhorn, illustrating the way in which the DPP's discretion is and is not used, gave The Sun-day Times this week the followday Times this week the 1010000 ing example. "One would always proceed in a case of murder because it would never be in the public interest not to do so." Must it not also be in the public interest always to proceed in a case involving child pornography?

child pornography?

If not, the DPP should explain why. He might also tell us why, his office justify non-prosecution in this case on the grounds that no financial gain was involved and the material in the Hayman/Henderson case was a not unsolicited ".

The Post Office Act makes no sipulation that it is only unsolicited pornographic material that it is illegal to send through the mail. Why, then, does the DDP gloss the statute in this way? We understand that judges make case law in the country is a serve decay. open court; it is a new depar-ture for the DPP to do so in camera-or is it? In this matter there is a strong public in-terest. Wherever Mr Dickens got his information from, and whoever encouraged him to use it, it cannot be wrong that this case has been thrown open to light by parliamentary privi-lege, the long-stop of our

killed by sadistic guards. . . The Turks then used Armenian refugees as targets for bayonet practice. When the Ottoman army captured Baku in the autumn of 1918, 15,000 Armenians were butchered.

As late as 1921, a British colonel in Erzerum found the Kemalists beating and starving

Armenian captives to death.

The figures are impossible to estimate exactly; but there seems no doubt at all that 1,500,000 Armenians were exterminated during the First

World War and the years immediately following it.

Ataturk, who was about as mad the members to be a two-way communication: nur communication: nur monthly newsletter and our monthly newsletter and our

murder at first; but it gradually petered out, possibly because there were practically no more Armenians left to kill, and since then Armenian Turks bave been on the whole free from the fear of murder. Yet the oppressions and restrictions from which they still suffer there are many and abominable: their religious activities are under constant barassment, their educational conditions and opportunities are severely limited, many of their cultural monuments have been destroyed—the whole pattern is tracically reminiscent of the position of Jews

in the Soviet Union today. It is wrong to murder Turkish diolomats in Australia because of Turkish trimes carried out in Turkey in 1915. Indeed, it would be wrong murder Turkish diplomats in Australia because of Turkish crimes carried out in Australia today. But began all this by expressing surprise; as well as sorrow, at the length and bitterness of Armenian memories, and from that position, at any rate, I now withdraw: after informing myself by reading the cata-logue of cruelty from which they have suffered. it would no longer surprise me if their memories per-

sisted for another century and more. (2) Times Newspapers Limited, 1981

Why people are hungry for this new beginning

Shirley Williams on the political party to be launched today

Party is being born on the winners. Yet we have gained same day in nine cities, including the capitals of Scotland and Wales. The gesture is more than symbolic. Ours is to be a party of the nations and regions, the towns and villages of Britain. It will not be a party dominated from the

It will be a party of individ-ual members. We shall not accept the affiliation of trace unions or businesses. We shall welcome every member, and ask them to contribute as much as they can afford, needed all the more because we shall not allow voting power to be bought by block affiliations. But those who cannot afford to pay the full cost of membership will be welcome, and their votes will come, and their votes will count for as much as anyone

The SDP will be based on the equal votes of individuals and on secret ballots. Our candidates, officers and leaders will be chosen by the members, all of them. Every leader and member of the steering committee holds his or her place provisionally until there is a properly established organization, but must then submit to election. The use of the trade union block weter to the trade union block vote to elect a party leader who might become the Prime Minister of Britain was for three of us who signed the Limehouse Declaration the immediate though not the sole issue which predipitated our breach with the Labour Party. So the new party will be transparent

ly democratic. Our collective leadership, which will remain throughout this interim period, and per-haps beyond if the member-ship so wishes, challenges the conventional pyramid structure of the old parties.
It also offers great divi-

dends: complementary experience and complementary know-ledge of a wider range of government departments and sub-jects than any single leader could ever have. The collective leadership reflects in ourselves employer. So why should such concepts survive unchallenged in politics?

We want the relationship bediscussion papers in a new industry and to response to questions about

policy and organization. a profile of its own area—its public services, its industry, its social provision—and then con-sider what would be the consequences for that locality of certain national policies being adopted, for instance on regional incentives or on minimum educational standards or on local income tax. In this way, the principle of decentra-

will gain reality.

The danger for any new party, at a time of disillusion with the old parties, is that it becomes all things to all men: that each person projects his or her ideal on to this amorphous and attractive concept. So we have talked clearly about those of our objectives that, according to the opinion polls, are not popular, as well as those that are.

Our commitments, often repeated, to reforming the European Community from within, to stepping up financial

Foday is the birthday of the assistance to the developing first new national party to be taunched in Britain for 80 taunched in Britain for 80 equative within Britain, are years. The Social Democratic not, as we are told election witness. Yet we have Britain's voters, and between a third and two-fifths if Social Democrats fight together with

Such an outcome is unprecedented in the history of opinion polls in this country. Even more encouraging sup-port for the Social Democrars comes from both sexes, all age groups and all income groups in approximate proportion to their share of the British population.

Unlike support for the Conservative party. SD support is not nearly three times higher among professional, administrative and managerial groups than among semi-skilled er unskilled workers. Equally however, SD support is not disproportionately concentrated among these sectors, as Labour support is. For a party committed to breaking the mould of class politics, we have exactly the broad base we need,

Furthermore, Social Demo-cratice supporters, if recent polls on attitudes to policy are



correct are consistently more capital punishment, more generous on financial aid to the developing countries, more fair-minded towards ethnic minorities than those of any other political group, while being strongly committed to a mixed economy and effective social services.

What is being attempted today is a gamble, of course Yet if that samble is not attempted, failure for the the participation and mutual country is probable. To drift respect we stand for, in ininto extremism with the dustry, the social services and Labour Party, which is still unin the family itself. The days willing to grasp the real issues of the paterfamilias are as of one member one vote, of dead as those of the autocratic reselection and entryism, of the move to impose party direction on elected represent-atives : that would be to risk the destruction of parliamentween the steering committee, tary democracy. To cling terathe, Parliamentary committee clously to the harsh and mutuand the members to be a two-way communication: our the Government is to risk the destruction of much of Open Forum series will invite divided but so far orderly

society apart. The hunger of many people Each local group or regional for a new political beginning is group will, we hope, undertake evident in the thousands of letters we Social Democrats have received. The writers of these latters detest tyranny; indeed the devotion to individual liberty and to representative democracy is moving, and is expressed in letters from all parts of the country.

They are worried present and projected future levels of unemployment. They are fed up with the political game that makes each government reject even what was good in its predecessor's achievements; they despzir of the unwillingness of the two big parties to abandon class antag-onism or to accept the mired economy as a lasting and sensible compromise. Above all they fear for Britain, and wonder whether she has a future: what, they ask, is to hannen to our children? There never was a better

moment to make a new begin-

Bernard Levin

What an Armenian remembers

victims to the total number in the group from which the victims were drawn, are second only to Hitler with the Jews of Germany and Occu-pied Europe. (By the final test, the proportion of a nation's entire population wiped out, the Cambodian killers leave all possible rivals behind, baving accounted for at least 15 per

received a number of letters and papers which have caused me to think again on the subject of Armenians and their memories. The cent of their country's people.) is a study by the admirable Minority Rights Group, called simply The Armenians. True, its section on the place of Armenians in the Soviet Turko-Armenian woodshed has now, Union reads like one of those gush-Union reads like one of those gushing articles in Soviet Weekly ("... Stalin ... rebuilt Armenia so that it would be a mecca for the Armenian diaspora all over the world ... the Leninist New Economic Policy provided a flexible framework within which the small shopkeeper and tradesman could make a modest living ... the distinguished Armenian erchitect Alexander Tamanian, Vice-President of the Puesian Academy of Fine Arts of hideous aspect and monstrous size.

The fleeting recollection led me
to observe that, although I did not
know whether the Turks had com-I would not piven the bits of Turkish history I did remember be surprised. But it seems that I of the Russian Academy of Fine Arts, was sent from Moscow . . . to plan the rebuilding of Erevan on modern lines, but with due regard for Armenian national tradition . . .

and the ignorance was of what a correspondent calls "one of the vilest Crimes of the century". That considering the competition, their underlying loyalty to and dependence on the Sovier Union is beyond doubt ... "1, but the hard historical information the booklet is a claim of some audacity; to be tury, it would have to stand com-parison with the massacres and excontains makes reading as grim as Tse-tung and Po! Pot, together with any that has passed across my desk in such lesser but enthusiastic practia couple of decades' reading and writtioners in the science and art of mass-murder as Tito and Franco, Yet ing on the subject of man's inhumanity to man.

First, the figures: In the course of a quarter of a century-between 1895 and 1920-the Armenian race lost a million

and a half persons by the gun or the bayoner, by deliberate starva-tion, and by privation and pesti-It began towards the end of the

nineteenth century, when the Armenian Christian minority in the Ottoman Empire began to present a threat to his rule in the mind—he was almost certainly deranged—of Sultan Abdul Hamid, In 1895, Abdul let, loose his dogs; some 300,000 Turkish Armenians were massacred in circumstances of the utmost frightfulness. The British consul was an eyewitness of one of the episodes in which thousands of Armenians had taken refuge in the cathedral at Urfa. which was then set alight by

the Turks: The gallery beams and wooden framework soon caught fire, where-upon, blocking up the staircase leading to the gallery with . . . inflammable materials, they left the mass of struggling human beings to become prev of the flames. During several hours the sickening odour of roasting flesh pervaded the town, and even today, two months and a half after the mas-sacre, the smell of putrescent and

charred remains in the church is

Not long afterwards, across the border, the Russians turned on their own Armenians, crushing their institutions, including their church, and eventually staging massacres on the Turkish pattern if not scale. But it was only after the overthrow of Abdul's rule in 1908, and the triumph of the Young Turk movement, that Turkey moved towards a "final solution" for her Armenian "prob-

lem"; if the Sultan had chastised the Armenians with whips, his successors were to chastise them with scorplons, and soon after the outbreak of the First World War they began:

Turkish Armenians in the Ottoman army were disarmed and herded

into labour battalions, where they were starved, beaten or machinegunned. On 24 April, 1915, two hundred and fifty-four Armenian intellectuals were arrested and deported to the provinces of Ayash and Chankirl, where nearly all of them were murdered by the authorities. Having thus disposed of those who

might offer either physical or intel-lectual resistance, the Turks could proceed withour obstruction: In every town and village of Turkish Armenia and Asia Minor,

the entire Armenian population was ordered out. The men were usually led away and shot down just outside their villages. A far worse fate awaited the women and children; they were forced to witk couthward in huge convoys to the burning deserts of northern Syria, Few survived for months after-wards, the roads and tracks of Anatolia were littered with corpses and skeletons. There were variations on this pattern. In Trebizond, the local Armenians were embarked in boats, and thrown overboard when well out in the Black Sea. A number were dispatched by being hurled down the Kemakh Gorge, near Erzinjan. Nor was that the end: Those who survived the long

journey south were herded into huge open-air concentration camps
... where they were starved and

LONDON DIARY

Party time for Labour's most civil servant

Toe indestructible Emanuel Shinwell tripped lightly down the awkard stairs of a Fleet Street cellar bar yesterday, emerged like a diminutive genie of the lamp into the blaze of television lights and instantly demanded a large dram, which he attended to with considerable relish. At this point I shall remind you that Lord Shinwell will be 97 in October. Our oldest practising poli-tician had thrown the party to celebrate the publication of his autobiographical book, Lead With The Left; My first ninety-six years. He let it be known that his friend Lord Boothby, a mere callow youth of 80, would like to have come but did not think he could manage What are you all doing

he asked impishly, sucking his generous measure of Burbanan Blend. He was immediately set upon by an earnest woman television reporter who asked him about tribute.

Tribute.

"You would be surprised with a nugget of advice for younger politicians. "Don't how nice these aristocrats really bother what the press say about everything. His distinctive was in keeping his mouth shuft younger politicians. "Don't how nice these aristocrats really are", countered Manny, "When you, as long as they mention they are rude to each other in you. Nothing is more humiliar-other agent in sight. But he was sucking his generous measure

figured in yesterday's editions of The Times and the Daily Mail.

"Driberg? Never heard of him. Where is he?" parried the centenarian-to-be. "On the front page of the Daily Mail", persisted the electronic newsgatherer. "Did you say he was in hell?" said Shinwell. "Or did you say the Daily Mail? They're not the same thing, are they?"

Leading figures of all main parties, except the Social Democrats, attended to pay ribute to this remarkable old man, always assumed to be a Scotsman but actually born in London's East End of Polish Jewish immigrant stock. Two ex-prime ministers promised to artend, and Lord Home actually turned up.

"This is a book where the political pugnacity comes through on almost every page.

This is a book where the pugnacity comes that the key to long life was one glass of whisky a day, one But it is diluted with humour and chivalry, and that is what makes Manny so civilized", said Lord Home in an elegant tribute.

Tom Driberg, a name which the House of Lords they do it with incredible politeness", adding that Lind Home was a model of civilized behaviour. The former Tory prime minis-ter positively beamed.

Lord Shinwell was persuaded to discuss politics for the best part of a quarter of a minute. "If we failed in anything", he ruminated on a 77-year career in the service of the Labour it was not in the field of social services or social security. It was in the field of civilized behaviour."

Lurking in a corner behind Lords Cudlipp, Hill-Norton, Home, Peart and Glenamara, I found Manny's kid brother Maurice, a sprightly stripling of 76, the retired chairman of a Scottish insurance association. He revealed the secret of Shin-

cigar or pipe a day, and not absolutely impossible to black-more than one woman at a time."

"He was so remarkably open "The woman at a time."

ing than to open the papers in the morning and find they seem to have forgotten your existence. Don't worry, Manny; there is no danger of that.

Open secret

While on the subject of 'lom Driberg, I must say that the topic would not go away during Lord Shinwell's subterranean get-together. I found myself cross-examining Lord Pager of Northampton, who as Reginald Paget was Labour MP for the said town; Paget and his wife were close friends of Driberg. Lord Paget thought it bilarlously improbable that Driberg, who wore his homosexuality much as Oscar Wilde wore a green carnation, could ever have been any kind of mole, double agent, informer, or anything else short of a true Brit. "It would have been

The elder Shinwell closed about everything. His difficulty



so spectacularly indiscreet that I cannot imagine anyone in government, Whitehall or anyelse ever letting Tom worthwhile secret he into a worthwhis could give away."

Mirror image?

After my recent speculation that changes in the ownership of Fleet Street had increased the need for a national daily newspaper of the left, preferably one with broader appeal than the ailing Morning Star, I am glad to report that the trade union movement has been making some positive moves in that very direction.

The TUC has appointed Lord McCarthy, Fellow of Nuffield College and a lecturer in industrial relations, to head its £40,000 feasibility study into the launching of a Labour daily. Helping him will be John Dixey, an executive at The Guardian, Geoffrey Goodman, industrial editor of the Daily Mirror, and two retired Mirror executives, Percy Roberts and William McClelland.

Len Murray, the TUC general secretary, would like to see the project off the ground and OR streets later this year or early next year. He wants the paper to be "independent and objective?" rather than have a blatanthy left-wing label ried to its masthead. But it is at least likely to be different;

trade unionists are not enamoured of the way their thoughts and actions are reported by the established media, although I am sure The Times is an hon-ourable exception.

It is much too early to say what shape the paper will take; estimates of possible circula-tion being mooted in the TUC vary from 250,000 to six milion, and Murray will not commit himself beyond guessing that its style will lie somewhere between The Times and The Sun. Judging by the advisers that have been hired, I shall not be surprised if it bears at least a passing resemblance to the

Best-fed friend

There are still some bright spots in the country's moribund industrial scene. James Morrell, director of the Henley Centre for Forecasting (economic, not weather) was able to tell an assembly of pet food manufac-turers this week that their sales would hold up well in 1981, and that long-term prospects were rosy,

You might not immediately guess his reasoning. Morrell calculates that mounting youth

increased violence and crime, and that more people will therefore buy dogs for protection. Not only that, the human population in general is getting older and lonelier, and presum-ably will not find the warm and meaningful relationships it craves with goldfish or hamsters.

unemployment will lead to

I learn from a separate analysis of the petfood industry issued yesterday that what they call, "canned dog" sales were up 15 per cent by value in Britain last year and sales of so-called "canned cat" by a quarter. It seems monstrous that a supposedly animal-loving £400m a year on these bestial products.

Don't bother to see Naples and die : see Eastbourne and Di instead. The Cremation Society in its monthly journal is advis-ing members of two important events in July: the royal wedding and the society's annual conference Fact. annual conference at East-bourne. "If you are coming from overseas" it suegests, "why not attend both?"

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SYMPTOMS OF A POISONED PAST

The British security services Mr Pincher has not explicitly have had notable successes but accused Sir Roger Hollis, the former Director General of the of regular spy scandals since the war, and each new set of allegations has increased the sense of unease that the security establishment had become deeply and pervasively undermined by traitors within its walls. Ironi-cally, the periodic exposure of this or that traitor could just as easily have been taken as reassurance that the system was coping well with the threats against it-and indeed that its basic excellence accounted for the fact that it was so often a main target for Soviet efforts to discredit it. However, the intelligence world is by its nature a prismatic one in which simple truths are overwhelmed by double meanings; where evidence is more elusive than supposition; where reputations built up meticulously over decades are lost in a moment's

carelessness. The Prime Minister today thus has no easy task in making a statement on the Hollis affair. One could not be escaped. The series of articles in the Doily Mail, coming so soon after the Blunt affair, were bound to raise the deepest disquiet; and The Times has itself given wider ventilation to the raw material.

security service, of being a Soviet agent. He has, however, described an agonizing inquest on a flarved intake which treated Sir Roger as one of its suspects. That process could also be a reassuring one, by showing that an exhaustive inquiry would not exclude even the most senior man from suspicion, particularly since in such a rigidly compartmensalized system as the security service, certain things would he known only to a few top men. However, the inclusion of the top man in a genuine inquiry such as that which seems to have been conducted both within the service and then at the feet of Lord Trend could not have been staged as a matter of form. Unless the process was merely perfunctory and decorative. Sir Roger's past must have contained something to merit interrogation.

Mrs Thatcher's response to the Blunt affair was robust and refreshing, in contrast to the obfuscations handed out by her predecessors when matters of security-such as the Philby allegation-demanded parliamentary answers. Her task is more difficult today since, whereas she was able to confirm the darkest suspicions of Blunt, she now has

represents an annual rate of

investment raised to £567m a

year from the level presently

proposed under the Govern-

ment's investment ceiling of £306m and the level of £414m in

British Rail's corporate plan to

It was hoped at the time that

the previous modernization plan would enable British Rail to

generate more of the cash needed

for its own investment. There

are many reasons why it did not;

to do with nationalization, over-manning, and the obligations of providing a public service against

often unfair competition. But one

apparent inability to adapt suffi-

ciently quickly to change. That

springs partly from its nature as

bigh fixed capital industry; and

partly from attitudes which are

in other respects commendable.

Railwaymen (top management as

well as engine drivers) tend to

be men of conservative tempera-

ment, loyal and committed to the virtues they see embodied in the

railway. They really believe in

the railway; and that has usually

meant the railway as it is, not

reason must also be the railways'

Hollis in a way which convinces the public that this is not just one more cover-up. The succession of previous security scandals is still damaging to Britain's reputation as a reliable ally, more because of the cover-up they entailed than because of the loss to national security inflicted at the time. This treacherous disease seems to have had its roots in the prewar and wartime attitude towards the Soviet Union, when many of Stalin's sins were forgiven in the cause of the Alliance. Though the invasions of Hungary and Czechoslovakia have made it less likely that contemporary British generations can be so easily infected, contemptible pustules like Philby and Blunt still provide evidence of the old poisons now, through the passage of time, much weakened.

Mrs Thatcher today can reassure the country that the security services are aware of this disease and have shown a new determination both to root it out and to avoid abusing a natural and necessary reticence about their business. If she can also produce evidence of Sir Roger Hollis's integrity, rather than merely deny-however forcefully-that there was any evidence to the contrary, her statement will be complete.

governments about putting more

public money into the railways. A reduction of nearly 40,000 in manpower proposed in this plan

for the next five years is just

what was proposed five years ago and has fallen woefully short.

Careful step-by-step monitoring

of each individual proposal will

be required and of unfolding per-

formance against it. That is

something recently developed

with growing sophistication in the

Department of Transport and at British Rail under Sir Peter

. What is merited now is a broad

strategic "yes" to the future railway, followed pretty quickly

by a tactical "yes" to the fullest

programme for main-line electri-

fication that has already been

vetted and approved by a joint

BR/Government working party.

Electrification would pave the

way for private-sector finance in

central railway investment, which

the proposals BR now make for

further separation of the "commercial" from the "social" railway would facilitate. It is also

just the kind of work producing

programme, investment oriented and export encouraging (for

private industry as well as British

Rail), that the economy needs

Parker. It cannot be relaxed.

CONTINUING THE AGE OF THE TRAIN

1985.

The railways are a national asset but a wasting one. Not even the chirpy salling efforts of Mr Jimmy Savile travelling first class can entirely remove the burdens of obsolescence, peak loads and the schizophrenia of having to provide a public service at a time of public austerity. British Rail has now for the first time assembled its needs into a coherent whole, including widespread electrification of main lines, improved London commuter services, more economical rural railways and a Channel tunnel. The objectives are unexceptional on both consumer and energy grounds. They deserve the fullest support from Government consistent with other demands of national good

housekeeping. The cost is nearly £5,700m over the next decade compared with £1,200m (£7,200m in 1980 prices) for the last great railway modernization plan in 1956. That is a lot of money; but it has been evident for at least a decade that without a greater infusion of capital—similar to that in Europe—the railways were meant the railway as it is, doomed to decline, just as they as it could and ought to be. after vears o postwar investment starvation a achieve targets set has bred a quarter of a century ago. It justified caution on the part of in its present recessionary trough.

PLACATING THE SPANISH ARMED FORCES

It is now just over a month since the attempted coup d'état in Spain, but the events of the night of February 23 are continuing to Tast a long shadow over the Spanish scene. The attempt howed an alarming degree of complicity, or at least sympathy, by the Army; and it showed the extent to which Spain's newound democracy was dependent in the prestige of King Juan larles and the loyalty of a numper of senior officers. There is in uneasy feeling that the same hing could happen again any day ind that next time it might se successful. The feeling is nhanced by the activities of the nilitary wing of ETA, the Basque errorist organization, which for ts own twisted reasons is doing ll it can to provoke the armed orces. The cold-blooded murder f two army officers last week eas clearly calculated to cause he greatest offence to the vilitary.

That is the background to he new anti-terrorist measures anounced by the government tis week, and the King's appeal senior officers to show estraint. Both King and governient are having to tread carefilly. They have to take firm ction against ETA terrorism, nd not only because of the istified indignation of the rmy. But they are well aware iat if they introduce far-reach-

The more important of the two

ints that are not mentioned—one ing the potential amelioration to

achieved by the implementation

the Brandt report-relates to the

nation within the countries them-

lves. With up to 80 per cent of air populations being rural, such

provements as they achieve pear to be concentrated predo-

nantly in the urban regions. But

s must mean that the gaps he-

cen urban and miral regions

treasing, and that, as a result, the

ricultural hare cannot catch the

This is also partly reflected in

statistics on literacy mentioned Mr Westlake who, incidentally,

otes literacy scores relating to

les only. Take AEchanistan. The imate for 1980 is 58.4 per cent terate males and 95.8 per cent men aged between 15 and 19

us. The projection for the year

sier than it is.

lustrial tortoise.

ing repressive measures of the sort which many military men would like—and which were used in the days of the Franco regime —they will undo all the good that has been done by government policy in recent years. Moderate Basque opinion, represented by the Basque Nationalist Party (PNV), which heads the Basque regional government, be alienated, and the bopes of finding a solution to the Basque problem through a status of autonomy within Spain

would be seriously set back. . In an attempt to placate them the armed forces are to be associated with operations against terrorism. But their role is to be limited, consisting largely of control of the frontier with France, where terrorists frequently find refuge, to the indignation of the Spanish authorities. The overall command of terrorist operations will be in the hands of the Minister of the Interior, a civilian. At the same time, the Spanish Parliament is to be asked to tighten existing penal legislation. principally to enable action to be taken against people thought to be passing on information to

The first indications are that these measures will be accepted by the main parties in the Madrid Parliament. They have also received cautious support from Señor Garaikoechea, the chief minister of the Basque regional government, provided the govern-ment does not go further and declare a state of emergency in the Basque country. Neither Senor Saraikoechea nor the opposition parties in Madrid are enthusiastic about the measures. but they are all uncomfortably aware of the continuing threat from the armed forces, and the thought that all Spain's democratic freedoms could be swept

away in a successful coup. It is ominous the extent to which the armed forces have to be accommodated, and to which even a failed coup has influence on government policy. The authorities are even being cautious in taking action against those involved in the attempt. Charges have been brought against some senior generals, but the policy is to avoid anything which might be felt to bumiliate the Army as a whole. In the key area of regional policy, where the government has attempted to meet local pressures by giving a degree of autonomy, to the con-cern of many rightist military men, the process is likely to be slowed down. Clearly the views of the Army have to be taken into account, even in post-Franco Spain. But Spain's civilian rulers will have to find their authority and confidence again if they are to reduce the role of the armed

2000 is 35.5 and 89.5 per cent respectively. In Bangladesh the corresponding figures are 13 and 63.7 per hird World progress om Professor R. A. Weale cent for 1980, and 4 and 37.8 per r. Melvyn Westlake's instructive cent for the year 2000. The data for "Democratic" Yemen are 4.9 and 76.4 per cent for 1980, and 0.7 and 7.1 per cent for 2000. Hope ticle (March 18) on developing ggards and sprinters inevitably ntains simplifications which cause en his gloomy picture of the non-dustrialized countries to look

springs eternal. Analogous arguments apply to rural and urban health services, with the latter vastly dominant over the former. It seems likely that the only successful basis for reducing poverty is by developing educational resources appropriate to those technologies that create As stressed in a recent Unesco document on education, this will not be achieved if the Third World merely apes the First.

Yours very touly, R. A. WEALE. The Athenaeum, Pall Mall, SW1.

Matters of interest

From Dr J. M. Finnis Sir, Why does Mr Gerard Noel (March 18) so travesty the history of the church whose name his news-

paper proclaims?

Benedict XIV did not declare it sinful "to reclaim anything but the exact amount of a loan". The very

sentence in which he defined usury has no less than three qualifications overlooked by Mr Noel. And within the next four sentences that Pope not only identified two specific sorts of way in which money might rightly be put out on interest, but also approved (without any restrictive definition) as "totally just and legitimate" the extrinsic "titles" which, today as in 1745, are the only reasonable basis for a claim to interest on a loan. Those "extrinsic titles" concern the context in which the loan is made or repaid.

proportions.

A genuine capital market, where interest rates are established by market factors, including the demand for and return on productive investment, expected inflation rates, differential risks, etc. affords a context in which interest can rightly be asked and paid on loans. That has made it easy to overlook the many other contexts (eg., contemporary African village life, but also some much closer to home) in which the old condemnation of usury remains valid. In those contexts it needs not to be rescinded by the Papacy or repealed by the "collective conscience", but to be vigorously applied. Yours faithfully,

J. M. FINNIS, University College, Oxford.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Doubt about Army scheme for iobless

Sir, We fully share your concerns about the social and economic costs of youth unemployment (Leading article, March 24). However the proposal to enable jobless young people to serve with the Arms. which you strongly support, needs very careful consideration. On the basis of the information available, many voluntary organizations working with the young unemployed believe that there are important reasons why such a proposal should not be introduced.

majority of the thousand or so young unemployed people it would recruit rather than the chance to learn a trade, Not only would it be wrong to suggest to jobless teenagers that in joining the scheme they would be given opportunities to learn trades when most will undertake forms of military training, but a lack of relevant work experience flies in the face of the experience flies in the face of the very considerable efforts that all those responsible for the special programmes for the young unemployed are making to improve the quality of those schemes.

Secondly, it is suggested that the placement. With an ever-increasing number of unemployed young people, is it right that the MSC should be expected to pay double for this very small minority of its clientele? Furthermore, this small minority would tend to exclude some of the most disadvantaged young unemployed given that all recombined to the ministration of the ministration.

Thirdly, it is increasingly impor-tant that those taking part in the youth opportunities programme should be readily able to seek work and take up permanent jobs during their placements. The necessarily regimented life of the Army does not readily lend itself to such

flexible arrangements.

The Ministry of Defence and the Armed Services already offer valuable and appropriate placements for some 400 young people, mainly in civilian establishments. Is it necessary to offer a new option, when the present avenues for people to join the Army are adequate?

The hope of the MSC's youth gramme for all those young reople from that course. Yours sincerely. NICHOLAS HINTON.

Degrees of sin

order. "Thou shalt not kill " and "Thou shalt not commit adultery are respectively the sixth and seventh commandments, being listed below not making graven images and keeping the subbath day holy; yet Moses did not suggest that this indicated a relative order of importance, neither did Christ give us guidance on whether the poor in spirit are more or less blessed than

the peacemakers.

Perhaps Dr Greet is saying that immoral activities carried on or condoned by the state must be seen of greater significance than individual acts which cause only a limited amount of harm and misery. While this might accord with con-temporary morality it is rather different from a church leader giving comfort to adulterers and pornographers by assuring them that their sins are only little ones. Yours faithfully. D. W. GRANGER, 48 Newland Park.

forces in the state to democratic Sir, Many of us will deplore any interest in paedophilia and porno-graphy, and may think that the law should adequately protect society.

> From Miss D. E. C. Tomlin Yours faithfully, D. E. C. TOMLIN. 135 Buckingham Road,

March 21

From The Director of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations

First, it would appear that the Ministry of Defence is offering general military training for the majority of the thousand or so

Ministry of Defence's scheme should by wholly funded by the Manpower Services Commission (MSC). The estimated per capita cost of the scheme appears to be more than twice that of the average MSC youth opportunities programme placement. With an ever-increasing would have to meet the Army's own selection criteria.

opportunities programme is that it sive education and training prowho need it. Let us not be diverted

26 Bedford Square, WC1. March 25.

From Mr D. W. Granger

Sir, You report (March 19) that the President of the Methodist Conference condemns the arms trade as the big sin " while categorizing adultery and pornography (and buildighting—sic) as "comparatively small sins". While many of your readers would, no doubt, have a private view of great sins and small sins (those committed by others as compared with those to which we ourselves are prone?) it would be interesting to know the source of Dr Greet's authority for a pecking

Hull North Humberside. March 20.

The Hayman case From Mr W. V. Morgan

Others may disagree.

But why does Mr Dickens think he has the right—especially under the protection of parliamentary privilege—publicly to blacken anyone's name? It is called scandalization of the protection of parliamentary privilege—publicly to blacken anyone's name? It is called scandalization of the protection o ing (and it does not matter whether the story is true or false). Why didn't he just oress for an adequate explanation why proceedings were not taken in particular cases with out naming names? Yours faithfuile,

W. V. MORGAN. 29 Conyers Road, 5:416. March 23.

Suspended sentences

Sir, The Reverend D. W. Dale's horror (March 21) at the banning of capital punishment in schools will be shared, not only by teachers. Some years ago, when I taught infants in a village school, I received a note from a mother: "Please may I have Elizabeth dead at 3 o'clock" Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Bargaining with Civil Service pensions for a means of valuing the indexing provision of the public service pen-sions guaranteed to almost six

million workers.

JOHN WILLMAN,

Easteroft, Luxted Road, Downe,

Kent.

But what your editorial does not say is that, far from suggesting that

index-linked pensions were a privilege to be bestowed upon cer-

tain sections of the workforce, the Scott inquiry underlined the need

for index-linking to be extended to all pensions. Protecting pensions

from inflation should not merely be the reward for particularly loval

service to the country: it is the

right thing to do to protect the liv-

ing standards of those who have the least "industrial muscle" and who may be said to have contributed least to any inflationary situation. It would be sad if the debate about

index-linking of all pensions were to be swept under the carpet in an attempt to find an easy solution to the Civil Service pay dispute.

Yours faithfully,

The danger to the sub-post office

network will not be completely re-moved if Government modifies its

From Mr John Willman Sir, Your leader on the Civil Service pay dispute (March 25) seeks to construct a chimerical contract between the Government and its own employees based on the continuation of index-linked pen-sions in return for a no-strike

An initial reaction is to dismiss it as much the same sort of aca-demic and totally impracticable exercise recently put forward by Professor Meade as the basis for an incomes policy for the new Social Democratic Party, More important, how does this air-fairy scheme tie in with your own findings of Friday, March 20, that civil servants have substantially fallen behind people doing similar jobs in outside industry? Should not your editorials reflect the facts established by your own reporters?

The main reason for writing, however, is to point out that you have misrepresented the findings

of the Scott inquiry on index-linked pensions. Fer from finding that the value of an index-linked pen-sion is "priceless", the Scott inquiry put forward suggestions

Payment of benefits From the General Secretary of the National Federation of

Sub Postmasters Sir, We also welcome, as do Age and other interested national organizations, the government decision to allow pensioners to continue to collect their pensions weekly (The Times, March 23). A freedom of choice is certainly desirable and the federation, despite the threat to sub-postmasters' counter work, recognizes the rensioners' right to choose the direct credit to a bank account method.

Our concern on the effect which the government proposal for child benefits to be paid monthly in arrear will have on the viability of the sub-post office network is as strong as ever. These fears are endorsed by many national organizations, including the Conservative Women's National Advisory Com-mittee and the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associa-

present stand, thereby allowing mothers the right to choose. Organized and individual public opinion is clearly in favour of the freedom of choice. Mothers are surely in a better position to decide whether their personal circum-stances would be best served by weekly, monthly or quarterly pay-What we advocate is that the status out of weekly rayment should still apply, with the option for mothers to state a preference

something bizarre in the idea of Scottish Television, for example, subsidizing Welsh-language broad-

casts rather than spending the money in Scotland, which has its

own Gazile-speaking minority. If be has difficulty in taking this point, be has only to ask himself how he

would feel if, say, 5 per cent of his departmental budget at the Central London Polytechnic were

deducted to help finance a department for the furtherance of Welsh-

language studies in central Cardiff.

Might not he, too, view such a prospect with some dismay? Yours faithfully,

LIONEL DUNN, Acting General

Independent Television Companies

for monthly payment in arrears. Yours faithfully, ALBAN MORGAN, Ceneral Secretary, National Federation of Sub-Postmasters. lvelyn House, findlesham Gardens, Shoreham-by-Sea,

West Sussex. March 23.

Secretary,

Association Limited.

Knighton House, 52-65 Mortimer Street, W1.

From Miss Dorothy Tutin

Yorkshire's achievement

Sir, Having worked very happily for

Yorkshire Television over a period of years, I am disturbed by the

newspaper reports (March 20 in The

Times) concerning the company.
If money cannot be found to extend the franchise it will be an

Welsh-language television

From Mr Lionel Dunn Sir, Professor Garcham (March 20) misinformed about the nature of the independent television companies' commitment to the Welshlanguage secvice on the fourth

The particulars of the new independent television franchises were issued in January 1980, and applications were lodged with the Independent Broadcasting Authority in May. The franchises were offered on the basis of a subscription of between £70m and £30m from the companies for the new fourth channel. There was no mention of the all-Welsh channel and could not have been because the Companies did not decide to the Government did not decide to adopt this policy until September. Only in December 1980, when the

Were the companies told about a subscription for the all-Welsh channel. Professor Garnham can rest assured that no obligations towards an all-Welsh service, either moral or legal, exist. On the contrary, it could be said that the last-minute addition of financial requirements for a Welsh service disturbs the calculations on which the viability of the franchise requirements as a whole had been assessed.

It is not for the companies to take a view for or against an all-Welsh channel, only to express the belief that the additional financial burden should not be borne by them. This could be avoided, for instance, by exempting the full cost of the channel from the special tax paid to the the special tax paid to Exchequer—the television levy.

The ITV companies do have a primary public duty to provide television broadcasting in their own regions. Professor Garnham must therefore recognize that there is artistic disaster.
The work Yorkshire Television has done in all fields has been so varied and wide-ranging, particularly in the field of drama, where new and established writers have been encouraged and commissioned, new talent found in design and acting and a standard of production and direction has been achieved over a period of 12 years

the basic sciences, develop organic-

ally through a continuing succession

its predecessors and then overtaking them. Both one's insight into the delicate nature of fundamental research, as well as the experience

this chain is broken, the effect will

A. FROHLICH, Professor of Mathe-

matics in the University of London King's College, Strand, WC2.

Penny-wise in India, too

Sir, It is not only Heads of State

who have been influenced by British education (letter, March 20).

arrended in Hyderabad, India, a re-

union meeting of 22 ex-students of the Institute of Child Health,

·A colleague and I have just

From Professor David Morley

he very deen and long-lasting. Yours faithfully,

generations, each learning from

history, teach one lesson: once

which few can match.
Yours faithfully.
DOROTHY TUTIN,
National Theatre, South Bank, SE1.

University cuts

From Professor A. Fröhlich, FRS Sir, There is one aspect of the crisis in university finance which has not received the attention it deserves. This is the impact which the cuts, and the decisions which may follow them. could have on the future of the basic sciences in this country.

A brilliant young scientist, devoted to fundamental research and keen to teach and to stimulate others, has only one place where he can make his career—in the university sector. There is a danger that this road will be closed to him

in future. Staffing policy in universities has suffered from a succession of ill-considered and excessive governmental reactions, first pushing one way and then in exactly the opposite one. In the sixties we had very rapid expansion. In seventies this was followed sporadic, but often severe cutbacks, resulting in the freezing of vacant

All this has already produced an boormal age distribution and has, in recent years, restricted the inflow of highly gifted young researchers into the academic profession. If the present crisis leads on top of this to redundancies among this age group we shall end up with a missing generation of scientists. Subjects, such as mathematics and

Threat to historic view From Mr Alec Clifton-Taylor

Sir, I had been hoping that somebody of influence would write to you about the threat to Beverley Minster, and now (March 23) Lord Kenner has done so. May I add my strong support?

I am one of those who has already written to Mr Heseltine on this subject. Beverley Minster is a finer church than many of our cathedrals, and the prospect from the south, which will soon figure in a television programme on the town, is one of the most precious church iews in England. That this piece of land should be wilfully built over, when there are plenty of other vacant sites in the vicinity, seems

London. Of these 21 are now heads their own departments of paediatrics. Our present policy in respect of the fees for overseas students will make such an achievement for British medicine unlikely in the future. Yours faithfully,

DAVID MORLEY, Professor of Tropical Child Health, University of

Institute of Child Health, 30 Guildford Street, WC1.

scarcely conceivable. Astonishingly enough, the local council has shown itself to be apparently very little concerned about the preservation of

the Minster's amenities. But, as Lord Kennet says, this is not a local but a national question, and the rest of us must look to a national figure, the Secretary of State for the Environment, to give a lead. That is why, through the courtesy of your columns, I (like many others) implore Mr Heseltine to intervene, and with the utmost urgency, to prevent this appalling and, should it be allowed, irreversible faux pas. Yours faithfully.

ALEC CLIFTON-TAYLOR, 15 Clareville Grove, SW7. March 23,

Biggs abduction implications

From Mr C. G. J. Morse Sir, Your report (March 25) of the abduction of Mr Ronald Biggs in Rio de Janeiro and his subsequent transportation to Barbados raises several grave issues. At the very least the British authorities should investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident before any decision on extradition proceedings

However, if your report is accurate it is abundantly clear that it would be wholly inappriorize for the British authorities to attempt to extradite Mr Biggs from Barbados even if they were otherwise entitled to do so. An examination of the reported conduct of Mr Biggs's abductors is likely to reveal several serious criminal offences under Brazilian law and/or English

For the authorities to seek to condone and indeed to take advan-tage of such conduct would serve only to encourage the kind of international lawlessness which the majority of the world community is seeking to erudicate.

Yours faithfully, C. G. J. MORSE, Faculty of Laws. University of London, King's College, Strand, WC2, March 25.

Defence of Belize

From Mr Robert Atkins, MP for Preston, North (Conservative) Sir. As one of a small all-party parliamentary delegation which recently visited the British Forces in Belize, perbaps I might be allowed to add a further point to the discussions about the colony's independence.

It became very clear to us that Brilish troops are popular amougst Belizeans, chiefly of course for the security that they offer against the Guatemalan threat, but also for the leadership and assistance rendered in a variety of ways. Not least is the support for the local Belize Defence Force, particularly by way or

instructors.
Since Belize is now the only remaining jungle training base open to the British Army, and since the direct cost of stationing our forces there is only approximately £5m— the balance of the overall cost of £26m per annum being wages, equipment, etc. which would have to be met anyway—does it not make sense to capitalize on the beneficent attitude of Belize's people, by regular supply of troops, weapons and logistics on favourable terms to the Belize Defence Force, thereby reassuring the Belizeans and ensuring a continuing facility for training our otherwise deficient troops? Yours faithfully, ROBERT ATKINS, House of Commons, March 23,

From Mr N. M. Lee-Frampton Sir, When the first report appeared. on March 12, of accord with Guatemala about Belize, my immediate

splendid example of deterrence in

action.
So often today the word "deterrence" is used solely with regard to nuclear weapons and strategy— and of course this is a gross mis-twice. The 1.600 troops, belicopters, Harriers and Royal Navy frigate have demonstrated the nature and effect of deterrence just as quietly and just as effectively as our Polaris

armed nuclear submarines.
Success in such terms does not lend itself to popular acclaim: there simply not the dramatic effect of an enemy vanquished on the battlefield or a city or country liberated and no doubt the troops themselves, while not minding the sun, might itch for just a little "oction". But today, surely, the mark of success is not so much a battle honour as a tour of duty completed withour a shot fired in

Perhaps the Ministry of Defence will mention this aspect of modern defence in their forthcoming "campaign". I do hope they do not concentrate entirely upon nuclear weapons. If, after all, the intention is to provide some basis of median. is to provide some basic education about defence to the public then it seems to me just as important to explain the role of the sunbathing soldier in Belize as it is to explain the role of the card-playing sailor somewhere under the sea.".

Yours faithfully, N. M. LEE-FRAMPTON, Director, nternational Defence Education Association. Church Hill Cottages, Tuddenham, Ipswich. March 17.

Worlds apart

From Dr B. Wakefield
Sir. Mr Richard Law (March 19)
may have heard of Galileo, but he does not appear to have heard of Einstein, or else he would know that it is not possible for two galaxies to move apart with a relative velocity of 11 times the velocity of light, even though both may be receding from us in opposite directions with velocities of five-eighths times the

velocity of light relative to us. Because clocks on the receding galaxies run slower than ours, an observer on one galaxy would judge that the other is receding from him at only about nine-tcuths the velocity of light. Yours faithfully,

B. WAKEFIELD, 1 St Peters Close, Charsfield. Woodbridge, Suffolk. March 20.

Telecomic English

From Mr Harold Glover Sir. I have recently received from Cambridge, of all places - my demostic telephone account. It quotes the meter readings for the beginning and end of the quarter and shows the difference between them in a column headed "Usage". Ch Buzby! Oh Partridge! Ch

Fawler! Yours faithfully, F. GLOYER, Peform Club, Pall Mall, SW1, March 23.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 25: The Queen arrived at March 25: The Queen arrived at Ashford Railway Station this morning and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Kent (Major the Lord Astor of

The Queen then visited the Intelligence Centre at Templer Barracks and was received upon arrival by the Colonel Commandant of the Intelligence Corps (Genera) Sir Michael Gow).

After touring the Centre (Director Prince of the Intelligence Corps (Genera) R. A. H. Parritt),

tor, Brigadier B. A. H. Parritt), Her Majesty honoured the Colonel Commandant with her presence at luncheon in the presence at Officers' Mess.

This afternoon The Queen Visited Leeds Castle. Kent.
Having been received by the
Chairman of the Leeds Castle
Foundation (the Lord Geoffrey-Lloyd), Her Majesty met repre-sentatives of handicapped and dised organizations, and toured Castle.

Lady Abel Smith, Mr William Heseltine, Rear-Admiral Leslie Townsend and Lieutenant-Colonel Biair Stewart-Wilson were in

Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.
By command of The Queen, the Lord Maclean (Lord Chamberlain) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the departure of The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and bade farewell to The President on behalf of Her Majesty.

CLARENCE HOUSE March 25: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon visited Trinity Hospice (formerly The Hostel of God). Clapham.
The Lady Jean Rankin and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE March 23: The Duke of Glouces-

March 23: The Dute of Colores-ter today attended the Golden Jubilee Luncheon given by the Council of PIRA, the Research Association for the Paper and Board, Printing and Packaging Industries, at the Stationers' Hall, London: Lieutenaut-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Colonel Sir Michael Ansell, 76; Mr. Pierre Boulez, 56; Sir Mr. Arthur Bruce, 86; Miss Kyungwha Chung, 33; Mr. W. J. Edrich, 65; Lord Fletcher, 78; Miss Elizabeth Jane Howard, 58; Sir Bernard Katz. 70; Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch, 67; Dr. Kenneth Mellanby, 73; Sir Leslie Melyille, 79; Sir Sidney Ridley, 79; Mr. Tennessee Williams, 70.

Memorial service

Mr G. A. Loveday
The Lord Mayor was represented by Lord Mais, accompanied by Mr Sheriff David Inglericid, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr George Arthur Loveday held at St Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday. The Rev John Scott, Chaplain to the Stock Exchange, officiated. Mr Mark Loveday (xon) and Mr David LeRoy-Lewis read the lessons and Lord Aldington gave an address.

Law Report March 25 1981

His Lordship annuiled a release granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to

Mr G. A. Auger from his position as trustee in bankruptcy of Mr

Donald Edward Munro and Mr Lionel Rowe, lately practising in partnership as solicitors under the title of Donald Munro, Tudor &

Mr Nigel Althaus. Mrs John Aspinwall, Mr David Back. Mr Simon Sernes, Mrs Parrandon. Mr. Ronald Bateman. Colonel Bollon. Lard Brabazon of Tarm Mr. John Brewer, Mc Quy Brigili, the Hon Patar Brooks, MP. Ghery, Mr. Glins Charrington, Mr. P. Cherry, Mr. Archibald Clowes, Mr. Hugh Couttain Trotter, Mr. Ian Cowper, Mr. Kanneth Crabbo, Mr. W. Dacombe, Sir Peter Canbbo, Mr. Adaroy Davis, Mr. Theres Davis, Mr. L. C. Dawney, Mrs Driver, Mr. Eric Dugdale, Mr. Patal Eaton, Mr. Charles Egimpion, Mr. Francis Everingon, Mr. Robert Foll, Mr. Jorony

In re Munro and Rowe; Singer v Trustee in Bankruptcy
Before Mr Justice Walton
[Judgment delivered March 23]
His Lordship annuiled a release granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to

nad an intimate relationship with the firm in the sense that all his finances were in some way looked after or bound up with it. Originally the trustee in bank-ruptcy had taken the view that Mr Singer was largely indebted to the



Release of trustee in bankruptcy is annulled

Mr. M. Wagner and Miss N. Campbell-Tiech Forthcoming and Miss N. Campbell-Tiecn
The suggement is announced
between Mark, younger sod of
Sir Anthony and Lady Wagner,
of Chelsea Square, SW3, and
Nicol, only daughter of Dr Paul
Campbell-Tiech, of Geneva, and
Lady Ponsonby of Shulbrede, of
Morpeth Mansions, SW1. marriages and Miss A. Chorley

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The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of Commander and Mrs R. T. Bett, of Paxtons, East Lavant, Sussex, and Asya, daughter of the Hon Patrick Chorley, of 7 Chalcot Crescent, London, NW1, and Countess Alexander Schonvaloff, of 59 Lyndhurst Grove, London, SE15. Mr C. Blackwell Mr C. Blackwell
and Miss P. Fitzgerald-Moore
The engagement is announced
between Charles, younger son of
Mr and Mrs J. H. Blackwell, of
Trowan Farm, Crieff, Perthstire,
and Penelope, elder danginer of
Mr and Mrs B. Fitzgerald-Moore,
of The Mill House, Kennington,
near Ashford, Kent. The engagement is announced between Oliver, youngest son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel C. S. near Ashford, Kent.

Mr S. Kershaw and Miss C. M. Blake Baines, D5O, and Mrs Baines, of Penselwood, Somerset, and Ama, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Crawford, of Clifton, Bristol. The engagement is announced between Stephen Kershaw, of Gundawanna Molong, NSW, Australia, and Cella youngest daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs J. C. Blake, of The Paddocks, Christleton. The engagement is announced between John Charles Corry, son of Mr and Mrs G. P. Ferguson, of Campers Lamberburst, Kent, and

The engagement is announced between Patrick, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G. E. S. Twist, of Providence House, Rous Lench, Worcestershire, and Melisse, Susan Alison, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs K. W. P. Shirley, of The Beeches, Mayfield Avenue, Orpington, Kent. Worcestershire, and Melisse, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. H. H. Beanland, of The Manor Cottage, Ardens Grafton, Warwickshire,

The engagement is announced between Alastair, younger son of Mr and Mrs John McArthur, of Strathclyde, - Alexandra, New Zealand, and Nichola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs James Payne, of Rickling Hall, Essex. Marriage Mr N. M. R. James and Miss N. D. Hemsworth The marriage took place in North-amptonshire on March 21, 1981. between Mr Mark James, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas James, The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr and Mrs R, Tilney, of Orford, Suffolk, and Amanda, eldest doughter of Mr and Mrs A. Catchpole of Highfield, Woodbridge Suffolk of Skipness, Argyll, and Miss Nichola Hemsworth, second daugh-ter of Mr John K. Hemsworth, of Castleton, North Yorkshire, and Mrs Diana Hemsworth, of Wicken, Northamptonshire

The Duke of Gloucester was the The Duke of Gloucester was the guest of honour at a luncheon held at Stationers' Hall yesterday to mark the golden jubilee of Pira, the research association for the paper and board, printing and packaging industries. Mr W. D. Hoath, thairman of council, presided.

Mr O. H. Baines and Miss A. M. S. Crawford

Mr J. C. C. Ferguson

and Miss S. A. Shirley

Mr A. I. McArthur

Mr J. L. Tilney and Miss A. Catchpole

bridge, Suffolk,

Luncheon

Dinners

he Speaker gave a dinner lo Speaker's House yesterday in bonour of Mr William F. Patient. Other guests were:

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The Hon Liverge Younger, MP, Mr
John Smith, MP, Mr Charles Living,
MP, Mr Fergus Montgomery, MP, Mr
Y, Allivate, Mr K, Balvor, Mr F,
Bordowijk, Mr L, C. Beelin, Mr M,
Bordowijk, Mr L, Bosson, Mr D,
Brownnill, Dr M, Caniner, Mr C,
Charhonnier, Mr S, Lonway, Mr P,
Covoll, Mr M, Devange, Mr H, Doetz,
Mr P, Gas, Dr W, Glenz, Mr M,
Groteluschen, Mr P, Haberstolk, Mr M,
Alghen, Mr M, Hertsch, Mr J,
Hollston, Mr A, Hughes, Miss J, King,
Mr M, Maddow, Dr R, Marchelling,
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Mr M, Maddow, Dr R, Marchelling, Mr J,
St Gronge Mr L, Perlig, Mr C, Poiller,
Mr C, Reny, Mr R, Robinson, Mr H,
Muntechi, Mr D, Smith, Mr J, Smith,
Mr M, Mr A, Complex, Mr J,
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Mr M, Smith, Mr A, Urbage, Mr R,
Jushan and Mr B, Wailig.

St George Diging Club.

in the House of Commons yester-day. Mr William Whitelaw, Secre-tary of State for the Rome Depart-ment, was the guest of honour, Mr Robert Brum, president of the Chipping Barnet Conservative Association, accompanied by Mrs Brum, presided. Mrs Chapman and Mrs Whitelaw were also present.

Scientific Instrument Makers

Royal Ascot

The Royal Meeting at Ascot will take place on June 16, 17, 18 and 19. Applications for admission to the Royal Ascot Enclosure should

signed by a sponsor whose name is already on the Royal Enclosure List. Visitors from overseas should apply to their ambassador or high

commissioner. In the enclosure ladies will wear formal day dress with hats, and gentlemen morning dress or service dress.

Mrs J. D. M. Jowitt to be a mem-ber of the Independent Broadcast-ing Authority.

Mr H. L. I. Runciman and Mr Charles Connell to be members of the board of the Scottish National Trust.

Lady Sitwell, of Towcester. North-amptonshire, wife of Sir Sacheve-reil Sitwell, the author, left estate valued at £60,406 net. She left all her correspondence and diaries to Lady Hesketh.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid) :

to all creditors and to the debtor.

The trustee had sworn an affidavit on August 4, 1980, stating that he had sent the required notices to the debtor and each creditor who

had proved in the hankruptcy at the addresses given in their

respective proofs.

In Mr Singer's case that statement was not true, since the notice was in fact addressed to Mr

Singer, c/o his solicitors, Messrs Payne, Hicks, Beach & Co. and not

to Vieux Cagnes. It was a common fallacy to suppose that solicitors had implied authority to receive notices on behalf of their clients. Had the trustee's affidavit stated

what was now said on his behalf, namely, that the notice was sent to Mr Singer's solicitors, the court

to Mr singer's solicitors, the court would have required a detailed explanation from them as to what was done with the notice and what were Mr Singer's reactions. But the court was now faced with the fact that part, and possibly a vital part, of the evidence on which

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Latest wills

Latest appointments

Company
The Scientific Instrument Makers'
Company held their spring livery
dinner at Scientific Instrument
Makers' Hall last night. The
Master, Mr R. H. Davies, and the
Wardens, Mr S. S. Carlisle and
Mr C. R. Jennings, received the
guests. The principal guest and
speaker was Sir John Charnicy,
Controller of Research and Develooment. Establishments and Relopment Establishments and Research, Ministry of Defence. Other guests included Professor G. Melvill Jones and the Masters of the Salters' and Spectacle Makers'

Reception

East Europeau Trade Council Lord Shackleton, chairman of the East European Trade Council, received the guests at a reception given at Claridge's hotel yesterday in honour of ambassadors from countries in the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance. Lord King Olav of Norway is to visit Orkney on May 10 and will attend morning service in St Magnus Magnus Cathedral. Kirkwall.

St George Dining Club Mutual Economic Assistance. Low Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, was Trefgarse, Mr Peter Blaker, MP, host at a dinner for members of among others present.



predecessor, Lord Ramsey of Canterbury, to tea at Lambeth Palace Heart of Christianity 'purged of schism' the Royal Ascot Enclosure should be made to her Majesty's Representative, Ascot Office, St James's Palace, London, SW1, before the end of April. Applicants should apply only for members of their family, stating their full names and their ages it they are of 16-25 years. Children under 16 are not admitted except on the Friday, when adults with badges may bring children of 10-15 years, for whom no prior application need be made. New applicants will be sent a form to have signed by a sponsor whose name

By Clifford Longley
Religious affairs correspondent
The church exists wherever
Christianity is believed and coofessed, and not just in one of the
existing bodies, the auxiliary
Roman Catholic Bishop of Westminster, the Right Rev B. C.
Butler, said in Westminster
Abbey yeaterday.
His remarks were appreciated
by Anglicans as an implicit and
authoritative rejection of the
Roman Catholic Church's traditional view of itself as "the one
true church", excluding all
others.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, entertaining his

Bishop Butler, a leading Roman Catholic theological expert, was giving the third of a series of lectures on church unity which was imitiated by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, two weeks ago.
Yesterday's address contained no reference to Dr Runcle's new approach to Auglican-Roman

Today's engagements

The Duke of Gloucestar arrenda dinner given by Masons Com-pany, Mansion House, 7.25.

The Duchess of Gloucester attends recital in aid of MIND, Ken-sington Town Hall, 7.25. The Duchess of Kent presents
Facelife Awards for architects
and student, Royal Institute of
British Architects, 12.10.

Memorial services: Brigadier D. L. Powell Jones, St. James's, Picca-dilly, noon; Mr. C. Bowdler Marylebone Parish

Chancery Division

the trustee had obtained his release was just not true. What was the court to do What was the court to do? Section 93 (1) provided for an appeal to the High Court. Had the only consideration been the need for the trustee to continue as a party to the Queen's Bench action, the situation would not have demanded so drastic a remedy as the cancellation of his release. Under section 93 (5), as a result of the release, the Official Receiver would have stepped into his shoes, and would

official Receiver would have stepped into his shoes, and would have done equally well as a party, particularly bearing in mind that no funds whatever were available in the bankruptcy, that nobody would provide money for defending the action, and that the trustee would not in fact seek to defend it.

Unfortunately, however, the matter did not end there. Section 9 (3) provided that an order of the Secretary of State releasing a trustee should distharge him from all liability in respect of any act done or default made by him in the administration of the affairs of the bankrupts, or

or by suppression or concealment of any material fact." Nobody suggested that the trustee had been guilty of fraud or had attempted to suppress or conteal material facts; but if the order of release were to stand, it would of release were to stand, it would be impossible for Mr Singer to sue the trustee in respect of an matter in connexion with his deal

matter in connexion with his dealings in the bankruptcy administration.

His Lordship knew only the barest outline of what had happened and he had not either practically, judicially or actually the slightest idea whether Mr Singer had any possible claim against the trustee. What was crystal clear was that the intention of section 93 (3), which seemed never to have been was not necessary to go into, the trustee's attitude to Mr Singer's proof might well have been material in a number of

It seemed therefore that in order to do justice the court must carry the fact that the release was improperly obtained to its logical conclusion and must annul

respects.

Catholic relations, being con-cerned with the general subject of "the church as communion", aithough Bishop Butler empha-sized that it was "distressing beyond measure" that there was not one "visibly united, visible and public church, but many". It was an epoch-making develop-

ment that nearly all the main Christian bodies were now com-mitted to the quest for unity, and that therefore "the heart of Christianity has been purged of which "

schism".

He said the idea of the church as a "community expressive of community", though the criterion of authenticity, may have been concentrated on too exclusively in the West. "For too many people, if the church is not merely the local building of brick or stone in which Christians worship, it is an organization and a bureaucracy all too similar to the secular state."

Sculptors of the 19th century gaining favour

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent

The sale of sculpture at Sotheby's

Beigravia yesterday underlined the extent to which nineteenth-century French and English aca-demic sculptors are now being seriously appreciated by art historlaus; two years ago they would have been bought, almost ex-clusively, by rich interior decor-

ators. ators.

A pair of bronze torchères, some six foor high, in the form of scantily dressed classical ladies holding torches aloft, by the Belle Epoque's favourite sculptor. Albert Ernest Carrier Belleuse, went for £19,000 (estimate £12,000 to £16,000) to an American buyer. Even more of a surprise was £6,200 (estimate £1,500 to £3,000) for a large gilt-bronze and marble bust of a Japanese girl

martie bust of a japanese girl by Emile Andrée. From the other end of the cen-tury, probably the second quar-ter, came a life-size gilt bronze bust of a "Bacchante" modelled by Joseph-Charles Marin, life size, that is, for the human model from which the bacchante's image is derived. It made £6,000 (estimate £6,800 to £9,000).

While the French sculptors secured the top prices, the British academics were by no means out of the picture. Jeremy Cooper paid £3,000 (estimate £500 to pard £3,000 (estimate £500 to £800) for a bronze group by Lord Leighton of an "Athlete wrestling with a python". It is 23.7 cm high; only a year ago a larger cast of the same subject was sold at Belgravia for only £800.

Ar Christic's a gilver sale At Christie's a silver sale brought £352,890, with 22 per cent unsold. A set of four Queen Anne candlesticks (£402) went to Koopman at £16,500 (estimate £12,000) to £15,000.

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OBITUARY

MARK DONSKOI Distinguished Russian film maker

film-maker of the generation to emerge immediately after the heroic generation of silent masters. Eisenstein, Pudovkin and Dovzhenko—those who first made their mark in the sound made their mark in the sound

He was born in Odessa, 1917 to 1920, and seemed destined for medicine, making a particular study of psychology. But then he turned instead to law, and qualified and practised as a lawyer as well as writing many scholarly articles on obscure points of jurisprudence. He also had literary ambitions, and through writing plays, and film scenarios he gradually found himself attracted to the cinema.

In 1925 he went to Moscow and enrolled in Eisenstein's classes : he also began a humble apprenticeship in films as an assistant editor. In 1927 he made his first film, a short called Lije, and in 1928 his first feature. In the Big City. He did not achieve major success and fame, however, until 1928, when he wrote and directed The Childhood of Maxim Gorky, based on Gorky's autobiographical privings

cal writings.

This had an install and world wide success, and led on immediately to a second film drawn from the same material.

My Apprenticeship (1935); and
a third, My Universities (1940).

These, which became known
simply as "The Gorky Trilogy", were the first films really to combine high artistic quality with adherence to the vaguely A Mother's Heart and populist tenets of Socialist Mother's Devotion (1966/6) Realism, then ascendent in Russia. Despite Donskoi's highly made in 1973.

Mark Donskoi, whose death at the age of 80 was reported from Moscow on March 24, was the most distinguished Russian filmmaker of the generation to seemed to be the divert expresion of a simple man addressin himself to a vast general public in terms which no one should have any difficulty understand

On closer inspection, course, the subtle architectur of the first two films as lea-(which are in effect one lon continuous movement, become evident, with its intricate use visual leitmorif and a minus

worked-our pattern of sound and words to convey th dightest emotional fluctuation in Gorky's slow progress to wards maturity. The third file loses a little in concentration and direction (perhaps part because the central character of the old grandmother, superbliplayed by Massalitinova, has h that point vanished from the scene), but the trilogy neverthe less seems exempt from change in fashion, and has shown itself. one of the most durable work of the Soviet sound tinema.

The trilogy was Donskoi masterwork, but throughout th rest of his career he was ab to capture again, at least moments, something of richly human, delicately pneti and as we might say Word worthian, quality. He was pe ticularly good with childre mothers and Gorky, and the recur, variously combined, his best later films, such the Rainbow (1944); The V lage Teacher (1947); his ve sion of Gorky's Mother (1958) previously filmed silent l Dovzhenko: Thomas Gordeye (1960); and finally his diptyc

MR VICTOR SOANES

Chess Correspondent Our

writes: Victor James Richard Soanes, who died on March 21 in a Norwich hospital at the age of 72, was one of the finest and most energetic organizers, and administrators of chess events this country has ever had. Him self a strong player in his youth—he got as far as the finals of the British Roys' Championship in 1926 where the eventual winner, the late C.H.O'D. Alexander, beat him after a hard struggle-cares of business and later on a concentration on chess organizational matters caused him to abandon any real attempt to progress as a player.

But he never completely gave up playing, being in the earlier half of his life a stout supporter of Lancastrian chass and an active member of the Liverpool Chess Club. After the war be came South and was an Essex County player for many years.

of the expansion and furthe ance of British chess, both na ionally and internationally, the his skill and enterprise mad a big contribution to the non ble advance we have achieve in recent years. He was pres dent of the British Chess Fet eration from 1961 to 1964 and an active and most capable chairman of two important committees, the Junior and the Congress, A trustee of the Pemanent Invested Fund of th British Chess Federation h was also trustee of the Britis Chess Educational Fund and the Permanent Fund of th World Chess Federation.

It was, though, as an org

nizer and enthusiastic advocat

Those of us who worked wit him-he assisted me, for e ample, as my counsellor some of the World Chess Fed ration Congresses—can testi to the pleasure he gained or of furthering the cause British chess. In this respec in particular, he will be mu-

MRS Q. D. LEAVIS

Boris Ford writes: Boris Ford writes:

I am sure very many of your readers will have welcomed your sympathetic obituary of Mrs. Q. D. Leavis. She was undoubtedly a most distinguished literary critic, and it is a great loss that severe ill health a great loss that severe ill health a most distinct the footnotes. I wrote personally ". And she added that a great loss that severe ill health and the whole subject of our statements." and long years of financial worry, combined with the labour getting Scrutiny to the printer, should have enabled her to publish comparatively little independent work. It was a great pleasure to be able to publish her long essay "The Englishness of the English Novel" in New Universities Quarterly just before her death: this essay (originally a lecture at the last Cheltenham Festival i has an astonishing breadth and

penetration, and it is striking also for its frequent references My main reason for writing is to supplement your comments on Mrs Leavis's collaboration with her husband, which was the major fact of her life as a writer. To the works you men-tion should, of course, be added their joint work on Dickens. But what will not be known to many is that Mrs Leavis was a major collaborator in a number of books attributed to F. R. Leavis alone. In a letter written

ment; and also about havin careers and work is too painfu for me to review at present"
Mrs Leavis could be a very
severe critic, and she did no

exempt her busband, as he him self often remarked writy. For others, including most of her former close colleagues, the criticism was not only severe was also, alas, wounding, L. who many years ago had re-ceived a card in which Mrs Leavis informed Mr Ford that he would no longer be accepted as a visitor to her house (which meant that I had to meet F. R. Leavis on the sly!), found it intriguing to re-establish a correspondence with her which continued to be somewhat tark but which mainly suggested to tue that, busy though she now was with new literary tasks, she could never reconcile besself to the lack of formal recog-nition, which an established teaching post and a long list of publications would certainly have brought her.

She fought ceaselessly and even fiercely for recognition for only a few months ago she wrote, surprisingly and quite feelingly, about being "staggered" when she realized she was not to be credited as co-author of Culture and Environ-

Parole Board need not give reasons duct as trustee, but that any such order might be revoked on that it was "obtained by Payne v Lord Harris of Green- local review committee for Maid- the be better able to make adequate

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Shaw and Lord Justice Brightman

unusual application. Mr Singer, a creditor in the hankruptcy of Donald Edward Munro and Lione!

Judgments delivered March 191 The Criminal Justice Act, 1967, and the Local Review Committee Roles 1967 (SI 1967 No 1462) made Roles 1967 (SI 1967 No 1462) made thereunder, provide a comprehensive code governing the procedure for the release of a prisoner on licence before the expiry of his semence; they do not require the Parole Board to tell a prisoner the reasons for not recommending his release on licence. Although the board are under a duty to act farly, in accordance with the principles of natural justice, that duty does not extend to requiring duty does not extend to requiring them to give reasons for their decisions.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the plaintiff, Mr Roger John Payne, a prisoner in Maidstone Prison serving a life sentence for murder, from the refusal of Mr Justice McNeill to give him a declaration, inter alla, that he was entitled to make representations to the first defendant. Lord Harris of Greenwich, sued as representing the members of the Parole Board, and to the second defendant, Mr Peter Timms, sued as representing the members of the

E.E.C. Antitrust Procedure C. S. Kerse

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since he had completed six years in prison, but he had never been granted a licence. His case had been reviewed from time to time. He had asked to he told the rea-sons for refusal. He wanted them to be able to prepare his repre-sentations for the next review. He had brought an action seeking a declaration that he was entitled to know the reasons. That claim had been rejected. He now appealed, it would have been more appropriate to proceed by judicial review, but the court would deal with the case.

mittee.

singer was largely indebted to the firm of Donald Munro. Tudor & Rowe, on the ground that in serving notice of his intention to seek his release, Mr Auger had sent the required notice of his intention not to the applicant, Mr David Mortimer Singer, at the address given in his proof of debt, but addressed to Mr Singer of his solicitors.

Mr D. G. M. Marks for Mr Singer, Mr Auger in person.

HIS LORDSHIP said it was an any known and admitted Mr Singer, Mr Auger in person.

HIS LORDSHIP said it was an any known admitted Mr Singer's proof in the sum of the sum of the manual application. Mr Singer, a great and and admitted Mr Singer's proof in the sum of th

creditor in the hankruptcy of Justice Goulding which allowed Donald Edward Munro and Lionel that to be done also allowed Mr Rowe, asked that the Secretary of Singer to make additional claims.

The procedure was governed by sections 59 to 62 of the Criminal Justice Act, 1967, and the Local Review Committee Rules, 1967. The prisoner was interviewed by a member of the local review committee. At that interview he was to be given a reasonable opportunity to make any representation he wished to be considered by the committee. The committee member wrote a report including

Mr David Turner-Samuels, QC, and Mr Brian Langstaff for the plaintiff; Mr Simon D. Brown and Mr John Laws for the defendants.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the plaintiff had sought

to he released on licence ever

stone Prison, as to his case for release on licence, and that the defendants were first hound to acquaint him with the nature of the case for declining to recommend release when his sentence was last reviewed. The judge had also refused a declaration that the third defendant, the Secretary of State for the Home Department, was hound to give the plaintiff reasons for not complying with any recommendation of the Parole Board or the local review committee. prisoner, and the committee con-sidered the report. They then made a report to the Home Secretary of the suitability of the prisoner for release on licence, and he then referred the matter to the Parole Board. The board to the Farote Board. The board advised the Home Secretary. If they did not recommend release on scene, that was the end of the matter until the case came up for a further review.

of the money lay in the Law Society's compensation fund, which had already paid ont £34,000, without prejudice to any other payments which might be made. In order to show that there was no other basis than that the firm was thoroughly fraudulent, Mr Singer had to take proceedings in the Queen's Bench Division, to which the trustee was a party.

which the trustee was a party. Whether that was strictly neces-

whether that was strictly necessing might be a matter of some dispute, since the Law Society—for all his Lordship knew quite properly—had over a period changed their stance in that re-

gard. However that might be, the trustee applied to the Department of Trade for his release under section 93 (1) of the Bankruptcy Act, 1914, and by rule 341

1914, and by the Bankruptcy

The statute and the rules formed a comprehensive code. They set out the procedure in such detail that nothing more was needed to supplement it. They set out the occasions when a man was entitled to make representations and when he was to be informed of reasons. In particular it was specifically provided in section 62(3) of the 1967 Act that if a prisoner was recalled he should be informed on his return to prison of the reasons for his recall. There was no corresponding provision when he was refused a licence. That went to show that the legislature did not think reasons were

No doubt it was the duty of all concerned to act fairly. Each case depended on its own circumstances. Sometimes fairness required that a man be told the substance of the case against him : see R r Gaming Board for Great Britain, Ex parte Benaim and Khaida ([1970] 2 QB 417). At other times it might not be necessary to have a hearing or tell the man the case against him because

it must be obvious to him. It had been submitted that in It had been submitted that in-the case of a life sentence prisoner it was only fair that he should be given the reasons, at any rate in outline, why he was refused to be let out on licence. He would

be better able to make adequate representations on the next occasion when his case was reviewed, and it would be beneficial to the man, as a human being, to be told the reasons for refusal.

There were equally strong submissions to the contrary. There was the practical difficulty of giving the reasons of a body of five members. There was a danger that the reasons would tend to become short and stereotyped rather than full and informative. In any case, in most cases the man case, in most cases the man would know the reasons himself.

In the end the problem was what public policy demanded should be done. It was more a matter for the Home Secretary than the court has been as the court of the court of the secretary than the secretary the secretary than th than the courts. In the interests of the man himself, as a human being facing indefinite detention, it would be better for him to be being racing innerinite detention, it would be better for him to be told the reasons. In the interests of society at large, including the due administration of the parole system, it would be best not to give them, except in the rare case when the board itself thought it desirable to ask one of the members to interview the prisoner. That member might then think it appropriate to tell him. think it appropriate to tell him. It was not a case for a declara-tion. The appeal should be dis-LORD JUSTICE SHAW, concur-

ring, said that in a context in which the public interest might be put at risk by the inopportune put at risk by the inopportune release of a prisoner on licence, no constraints or pressures should weigh upon the Parole Board in coming to what must, in the end, be a decision in which expediency must be an important influence.

LORD JUSTICE BRIGHTMAN, delivered a concursion independent delivered a concurring judgment.
The appeal was dismissed.
Leave to appeal was refused.
Solicitors: Gulland & Gulland,
Maidstone; Treasury Solicitor.

seemed never to have been judicially construed, on its true construction was to wipe the slate clean so far as the trustee was concerned, so that thereafter he did not need to pay any thought did not need to pay any thought to the previous course of his actions as trustee. That intention seemed proper and wholesome. It followed that if the release were allowed to stand Mr Singer would be deprived of any redress against the trustee in respect of the whole of his conduct in relation to Mr Singer's own proof of debt. and having regard to many factors which it was not necessary to go into.

the release granted by the Secre-tary of State and make an order for costs against the trustee. Solicitors: Payne, Hicks, Beach

Science report

Behaviour: Navigation by infrasounds The pigeons sat in a special scaled chamber between a pair of loudspeakers. Infrasounds were played continuously but their pitch there will be a different, small "Doppler" shift of pitch of the sound according to whether the bird is flying towards or away from the sound source. When it is

By the Staff of Nature Recent laboratory experiments by Dr D. Quine and Dr M. Kreithen of Cornell University in the United of Cornell University in the United
States show what homing pigeous
can hear and detect small changes
in sounds that are far too low in
pitch to be beard by humans. The
ability to hear extremely low frequency "infrasounds" may be of
special importance to the pigeon
during its long homing flights.
Unlike the sounds which we can
hear, infrasounds can travel great hear, infrasounds can travel great distances, often shousands of miles, without much attenuation inhich increases with the square of the pitch of the sound).

As winds, thunder and weather

fronts produce infrasounds, the birds may be able to listen to the approach of storms while they are still hundreds of miles away. Ocean waves, surf and large rivers also produce characteristic infrasounds and the bird may be able to check whether it is on course by listening to those far-off sounds and comparing them with the pattern of sounds it heard when it was at its home:

home:
That the pigeon can bear infra-sounds was demonstrated by heartbeat conditioning ", showing that a change in infrasound pitch could be made to cause a change in the bird's heartbeat rate.

25 years ago From The Times of Monday, March 26, 1956 The plan for integration of Malta with Britain will undergo another crucial test when it comes before Parliament today. The plan has been recommended by a round-table conference of all the talents

sounds.

To use infrasound in navigation, the birds would not only have to be able to hear the sound but also to tell which direction it was coming from. Normally, animals can do that by detecting the slight difference in the sound arriving at each ear. However, that mechanism would not work for infrasounds because they have such long wavelength that there would be almost no difference in the counds over the tiny distance bebut also to tell which direction it sounds over the tiny distance between the two ears.

The ability to hear small changes in infrasound pitch may, however, provide a novel mechanism for the disagram of

that the birds were hearing the

pirds to detect the direction of the infrasound source. As the bird flies through the air

drawn from all the parties with the proviso that the Mattese peo-ple should demonstrate clearly and ple should demonstrate clearly and unmistakably that it corresponded to their wishes. The Maltese people in a referendum have given a somewhat equivocal expression of their views. Out of a total electorate of 150,000, some 67,000, that is under half, voted in favour.

played continuously but their pitch was changed at random 10 times an hour. Each time the sound pitch was changed, the hirds were given a mild electric shock to their feet. Soon the birds learnt that a change in the sound pitch meant that a shock was coming and their heartbeat rate was seen to speed up in anticipation of the shock.

The change in heartbeat rate when the sound changed showed that the birds were hearing the flying towards the source it will hit the peaks of the sound wave more frequently, so the sound will appear to rise in pitch; when it is flying away from the sound source. ing a way from the sound source, the pitch will seem to fall.

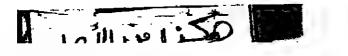
The Curnell experimenters show that the pigeon is sensitive enough to changes in infrasound pitch to easily detect the Doppler shifts caused by changes in the direction of its flight. of its flight.

The next step will be to see if the piggion uses infrasound natigation under natural conditions

through tiny "magnetic needles on the brain and muscles.

Source: Fournal of Comparative 1981. Physiology (vol 141, p 153) Nature-Times News Service

Of the rest only 20,000 voted against. The remainder abstance. The result was obtained largely because of the deliberate instruc-tions of the Maltese opposition. In Britain the plan has, it appears, been accepted by the Opposition parties. The opinion of Parliament as a whole has yet in he asceras a whole has yet to be ascer-



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New Books

The lust for knowledge

Never at Rest A Biography of Isaac Newton By Richard Westfall (Cambridge, £25)

The greatest genius of the Finglish baroque age — may Christopher Wren forgive us, but I think, from his occasionei, always geneous and mellifying enpearances in Naver at Ecc. always generous are montying appearances in Neurr at Rest, that he would — was a highly neurotic young don at Trinity College, Cambridge, who became the most revolutionary mathematician in Europe at the of 24, but declined to land, what had made him so until several years later. By the rime he did, in Principia and lesser works, arousing amazo-nent, controversy and entausi-asm, others were working the same field, he bimself had also transformed the science of optics, was immersed in danger-ous theology, secret alchemical studies, and disinclined to discuss mathematics or astronomy further. There was nothing cosy about Isaac Newton (1642, 1727).

Which is perhaps the first reason why, of all British Worthies, we know least of all about him — "Nearer the gods", declared Halley, "no mortal may approach" — and why posterity clings so isly to the simplism popularized by Voltaire of the apple in the Lincolnshire orchard during the year of the Great Plague. We year of the Great Plague. We are not exactly beating a path to Woolsthorpe Manor, even now, despite its ownership by the National Trust, and most of us would be hard put to say exactly where it is. Perhaps the Trust should attempt a marketing tie-in with Star Wars and The Empire Strikes Back.

For the second reason, of course, is that much of Newton's work, unlike a play by Congreve or an orangery by Wren, is infernally hard to understand. Richard S. Westfall, in the most important

life of Newton since 1852, gallantly goes ferreting for colourful anecdote and picturesque detail, but beyond the information that he owned two silver chamber-nots had a information that he owned two silver chamber-pots, had a passion for crimson hangings, little inturest in art save in portraits of himself (numerous), and went to the opera but once in his life, considering it far too much of a good thing, Westfall can only confirm that a life of Newton is the life of an uncomfortable and secretive genius in a venal and compromised world—a philosopher, as he puts it, among placemen.

There is great diversity in Nover of Kest, all nine hundred pages of it, but it springs less from biographical anecdote or the picturesque than from the

pages or it, but it springs less from biographical anecdote or the picturesque than from the range of Newton's interests over a long and restless life, first in the moribund swamp of Restoration Cambridge, and then in London during the Whig ascendancy between the "Glorious" Revolution and the death of George I. New very English that Queen Anne should have knighted him not for his work on the mechanics of motion, acreven for his painstaking supervision of the recoinage at the Mint, to which he was appointed in 1696, but for his genuine though modest services to the Whigs. That there was so much more to Isaac Newton than fluxional method and inverse-ratio proportion is the major discovery of this enormous book.

mous book.
There is more than one way of reading and enjoying it, too.

If, like me, you are irredeemably innumerate, there are considerable chunks in the first half over which, whilst acknowledging their crucial importance, you will have to guide in order to make any headway with the rest at all. It is not that Professor Westfall writes obscurely of quadratics and infinitesimal increments—on the contrary, his book is beautifully homogeneous, the experiments flow in and out of the main parrative, the illustrations are numerous and

Westfall catches much of the excitement, even ecstasy, of Newton's breakthroughs — but simply that either you can follow a mathematical argument follow a mathematical argument step by step or you cannot. It is a sad fact that a quarter of a century after "The Two Cultures", one of the few people who could have reviewed every aspect of this book with authority is the late Lord Snow.

For the rest of us, however, the rewards of perseverance and awed gliding are great: not only does Westfall recapitulate the experiments from time to time, he also shows that the pursuit of truth, combined with pursuit of truth, combined with a genius for the organization of knowledge acquired (what today would be called "information-retrieval") characterized everything Newton undertook, from the solid mathematical centre to the speculative but not, in his hands, lunatic fringe. He was far from alone in his alchemical experiments — there was a kind of shared samizathat in which Boyle, too, showed interest of shared samizdhat in which Boyle, too, showed interest—but it is bizarre after all the busy logarithms, soaring graphs and the touching sketch of a great comet's path over King's College Chapel, to find him scribbling down thousands of words on the significance of the green lion, the molden net and green lion, the golden net and the nitre of the wise.

the nitre of the wise.

As an Arian, Newton believed that every step taken by the Church since the fourth century was a step towards greed and idolarly and away from the one, true God. He was a Christian who deplored the Trinity and demoted Christ, and argued that if you could mathematicize philosophy and nature, then you could quantify God. This was a conviction so strongly felt and so shocking to the age that Newton took care the age that Newton took care how he broadcast it. For it fell with a very uncompromising thud between the polite Analicanism, without theoretical profession of which no liveli-



Descartes and Leibniz who considered Newton's notion of a creative and intelligent mechanic-God, a "vital spirit" who had set the switches going at the start, impossibly quaint,

the start, impossibly quaint.

Newton left Cambridge,
where he had always been a
solitary figure, in 1696. For the
last thirty years of his life he
was a matterly public servant,
President of the Royal Society,
and irascible Augustan grandee.
More than three hundred pages
cover this period — rather too
many, I think, but they include
the notorious quarrel with the notorious quarrel with Leibniz over which had invented the calculus first. Westfall blames both equally, for ungenerosity and sias of omission. Tension informed Newton's antire character and green and entire character and career, and hood was possible for him in he suffered at least one either University or State complete breakdown, in 1693. service, and the proto-atheism of Continental thinkers like suggested, but Westfall believes

that, Newton's main work done, mental exhaustion prostrated

Sexuality is so conspicuous by its total absence from this massive biography that one feels positively vulgar suggesting that physical repression may have had something to do with it, but I bet it had. Not so much as a blush of speculation crosses the Professor's nage crosses the Professor's page, and he tells us that after no fewer than twenty years on this book - that's the trouble with writing about ace pioneers of information-retrieval — he felt only that Isaze Newton was receding farther and farther away from him. A certain American prosiness apart, however, Westfall has organized enormous task beautifully and done our most elusive Worthy proud.

Michael Ratcliffe

Disappointed love for a lost leader

Tito: the story from inside

By Milovan Djilas (Weidenfeld & Nizolson, £7.95)

Djilas loved Tito. He fought with him against the Nazis and worked with him to build a socialist Yugoslavia after the war, sharing the triumphs and the crimes of that period. He rose to high office at Tito's side. "If someone had asked me six months before the experior. six months before the eruption of our antagonism whether I could conceive of a force that could separate me from Tito . . . I would have said no," he When the split came in 1934 it

was not only deeply painful for both men but also a major event both men but also a major event in Yugoslavia and outside, for it personified the split between ideals and reality which has plagued all communist parties in power. Dilaz was horrified by the way in which the party was turning itself into a new class of privileged by requests. Class of privileged bureaucrats.

Tito, increasingly monarchical in his royal palaces, saw the need for a strong central authority to hold together the quarrelling nationalities of Viscoslavia Lugoslavia.

Djilas pressed his criticisms in the columns of the party paper. Tito at first encouraged him but then woke up to the dangers as the shafts struck nearer home. Djilas's ideas, he said, would lead to anarchy. Djilas was stripped of his power and resigned from the party. but he was never silenced, even by nine years in prison. He wrote relentlessly on, publish-

Now he has moved onto the Now he has moved onto the most sensitive ground of all and written about Tito himself. "I cannot be impartial," he admits, for he is emotionally too close. for he is emotionally too close to his subject. His book is not a biography, nor even a detached assessment. It is more a document of the unresolved inner personal struggle of a man whose political life has been entirely dominated by Tito, first in friendship and then in complex, painful, ambivalent antagonism.

In parts it is very disparaging. Tito was a poor speaker, we are told. His education was inadequate and his knowledge superficial. He read luttle, could not spell and his Serbo-Croatian was faulty. In early life he was dismissed from one ich after was fainty, in early life he was dismissed from one job after another. He dressed like a dandy, even in wartime, and had an appetite for luxury and power that was "antiquated and degrading". Worse still, he had "no talent as a military leader" and was expectable. and was excessively concerned for his own safety. (This of the man who led the partisans to ultimate victory in a rough and dangerous war against both Nazis and royalists.1

Nor is Tito allowed any credit for the political innovations which have set Yugoslavia apart from other communist states. "Not one of the great ideas of Yugoslav communism was his, I conceived the idea of self-government in 1950", writes

Dillas, betraying, perhaps, a hint of jealousy. However, Tito is gradually However, Tito is gradually granted some qualities to explain his success. He was a "glittering political talent". He had a "shrewd and insatiable drive for power". He was "a politician of staggering proportions and of great independence". He deserves credit for things he did not do, in that he could have imposed a far more rigorous and stifling centralist model on Yugoslavia. But Djilas is not prepared to grant much. is not prepared to grant much. In the final judgement Tito created "no lasting spiritual or institutional forms", Indeed, he held back creative pressure for change and in his later years tried to turn the country back

to "the simplistic, withered ideals of his youth; to party, to class, to Marxism, to indoctrination".
Could Tito have listened to Didas instead of imprisoning him? He believed he was trying to protect the system which Dillas had he'ped set up. Dillas seems aware of this. Wracked by guilt for the horrors of the early days, in particular the infamous concentration camp at Goli Otok, where pro-Stalinists were tortured after the breek with Moscow, he cries deseair-ingly. If only there had been freedom of information, if only it had been possible to debate openly. If only, if only... If only we had done things

differently, so many problems would have been avoided. His own too, perhaps

Richard Davy

Liberty and the lynch mob come to Barchester

The Popes and European Revolution By Owen Chadwick (Clarendon: Oxford, £28)

At first sight this, book is At first sight this, book is misnamed; it is page 252 before we reach the popes, page 445 before we come to the revolution. Its declared sim is to: describe the difference made to the Papacy by the European Revolution of 1789-1815; or, in other words, what Catholicism was like before the deluge and what it was like after, what the continuity and what the differcontinuity and what the differ-ences. Others have written excellent works on this theme, but this book is unique both in

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its focus and its method. The focus is different because a volums on the French eight-eenth century is planned in the same series, and so Professor Chadwick confines himself to Italy and Spain, with occasional forays into Germany and Austria; surprisingly, perhaps, Hamlet without the prince works very well.

The method is different

because the book relies less on narrative than on image and illustration. The popes are not really central to this hook; really central to this hook; what we are given is an evocation of two worlds, an account of what happens when liberty and the lynch mob come to Barchester. If space and the care lavished on its portrayal are anything to go by, Professor Chadwick's instincts are figure with Farchester Details firmly with Earchester. Detail by detail, in example and vignette, he builds an unforget-table picture of the church of the old order, the world of pilgrimage and procession, of cultivated and absentee cathedral dignitaries and of boly fools like Benedict Joseph Labre, in perpetual circuit of the shrines of christendom, gentle eyen to the lice who devoured him. In this world brigands carouse and cook in sanctuary churches, and conscientious if harassed clergy think it their duty to belp them

Professor Chadwick's eye for significant detail is unerring, his enjoyment of a good story manifest, his knowledge of primary and secondary sources in Italian, German and Spanish unrivalled. But the method has its defects. Among other sources he has drawn heavily on the journals and travellers tales of sighteenth century. episode of the pre-revolution section of the book, the suppression of the Jesuits, there are no villains. Chadwick concedes that this was the nadir of papal power, a humiliation forced upon the church by the

Fiction

When Your Lover

By Susan Trott

Odd Woman Out

By Wendy Simons

(Angus & Robertson, £5.95)

The Fate of Mary

By Caroline Black-

Leaves

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(Cape, £5.95)

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Other People

By Martin Amis

Not a good week for cats,

rapists, or adulterers. In three out of four of these new novels,

adulterous liaisons end in tears or worse. Rapists fare little better. One is ignominiously

hunted down by a gang of OAP

themselves at the mercy of dedicated car-haters (The Fate

of Mary Rose). Only in the pages of the new Martin Amis

A Mystery Story

(Gollanc:, £7.95)

absolute monarchies of Europe. For its perpetrator, however, Clement XIV, the genial jokey Franciscan who anguished and procrastinated but in the end signed the order that his predecessor would have died rather than sign, Professor Chadwick has no condemnation. He evokes for us the tragedy of Ricci, the Jesuit General, a mild, saintly and submissive man whom Clement nevertheless, to placate the powers, imprisoned till his death. This monstrous injustice is por-trayed with compassion, but without indignation. Elsewhere in his book Professor Chadwick in his book Professor Chadwick tells of the famous preacher who denounced from his pulpit the Italian fashion of topless dresses, as "lascivious, vile, immoral". His, denunciations were sincere, yet when he found it in the confessional he realized that fushions are odd, that the power of common custom is

power of common custom is infectious, that though he must reproach the woman in his box he could not think it to be for her so heavy a sin. For Professor Chadwick the his-

presided had absorbed certain eighteenth-century ideals. The projected reforms of "Jansenst" reformers like Scipione de Ricci had seemed to end in a cul-de-sac, discredited by the common ground they shared with Revolution, overwhelmed in papalist reaction. In the early nineteenth century this world seemed to survive only in anachronisms like Archbishop Capecelatro of Toranto, "the most charming Archbishop of the Christian centuries", an aristocrat, scholar, collector, who disliked popular devotional excess, minimized the office of the pope, longed for a married clergy, frowned on religious orders but, like a true son of the Enlightenment, conformed in a changed world observed presided had absorbed certain the Enlightenment, conformed in a changed world observed men, and liked them, and had small wish to change them, and in extreme old age cheerfully submitted by request of Rome, and died at the age of ninety-two with a smile on his lips.

Professor Chadwick discerns the new order of the nineteenth century a victory, qualified but real, for the ideals of such men. Muratori and his like had deplored the anarchy of such men. Muratori and his like had deplored the anarchy of popular religion, had longed to see mass in the parish church at the centre of Christian life, and not the wonderworking shrine in some remote and holy place. This the nineteenth century secured. If men now knew that faith was fragile, and whole nations might reject it, they knew also the desire to strengthen and foster it. "All things". Professor Chadwick, tells us "were changed". Gone were the rivals to orderly, parish-centred worship. The hermits dead or forgotten, the virtus evaporated as image or relic lay crushed under long-passed Jacobin boots. Church order, if less varied, was "more logical, more intelligible, less cluttered". The priest was no longer a mere mass-priest, more often a pastor. This, claims Professor Chadwick, surely rightly, was progress; the truth, the reformer's truth, would out in the end. Maybe the spirit of Lord Acton watches over this book after all.

Eamon Duffy

Absolute equality: a great illusion of his main betes noires, Mr Frank Field, for example, has argued in his new book, Inequality in Britain, that the The Politics of Labour Party has out too much emphasis on equality as an end and not enough on it as a means

Procrustes By Antony Flew

(Maurice Temple Smith, £9.95) The most crushing rebuttal of egalitarianism always scems to me to have been the Grand Inquisitor's observation in The Gondoliers that "when everyone is somebodee, then no one's

naybody". Professor Flew does not enlist the aid of Don Alhambra in his own tirade against egalitarian doctrines, although he does quote from an impressively catholic body of sources ranging from Aristides to Bob Dylan. His thesis, however, is the same: the pursuit of absolute equality is a futile and dangerous absurdity.

dangerous absurdity.
Flew regards the idea that equality is self-evidently and without qualification good as the great illusion of our epoch. His book is not simply a

philosophical treatise, it is also a good old-fashioned piece of polemic attacking "the Guardian reading, professedly social democratic, usually social science trained establishment" which he sees as trying to impose their egalitarianism on the rest of us.

several prevailing ortho-doxies are shot down. Professor Rawls' theory that justice is synonymous with equality is rejected on the grounds that the law should not treat everyone exactly alike. The socialist ideal of producing a more equal society through social engineer-ing is attacked for favouring an equality of misery and suggest-ing that "we are as interchange-able as ants". The principle of equal educational opportunities is dismissed because it would involve abolishing the upbring-ing of children in families in favour of a "universal system of comprehensive creches".

Some of Professor Flew's targets are a little unfair. One

compassion and often a commitment to diversity lying behind the socialist pursuit of equality which he chooses largely to ignore.

He is at his best when identifying the philosophical and political contradictions and impossibilities inherent in pure egalitarizatism. This book is an interest of the property of the pure egalitarizatism. interesting attempt at an intel-lectual justification for Thatcherism while at the same time proving the point, which Pro-fessor Flew obviously regards as of considerable importance,

that philosophers can have

towards creating greater lib-erty. There is a deep vein of

something relevant to say about the world in which we live. Ian Bradley

Quick Guide

Oxford American Dictionary (Oxford, £3.95). OAD is the latest graduate from the great OED word-factory in St Giles', and gives the Oxford stamp to the American language. It has more than 70,000 headwords, about as many as COD, including all those likely to be met with in everydey American speech, illustrative phrases and sentences, and a cheerful attitude of infallibility in such matters of usage as data and hopefully. It was edited by three American lexicographers and American lexicographers and Oxford's own Joyce Hawkins of OPD (paperback) acting as their guardian angel. It will be a humongous help to Brits who wish not to appear schmos, and not to commit snafus, goofs, and bloopers in AmerEnglish.

Scotland: Archaeology and early history, by Graham and Anna Ritchie (Thames & Hud-son, £10.50). Scotland is unu-sually rich in archaeology from sually rich in archaeology from standing stones to the splendours of Maes Howe. This volume in Glyn Daniel's series Ancient Psoples and Places briskly surveys and illustrates the field from the first hunters and fishermen of about 6000 BC to the union of the Picts and the Scots in AD 843. Janice Elliott Within a couple of pages I knew I was in the hands of a true artist' Bernard Levin. Sunday Times

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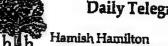
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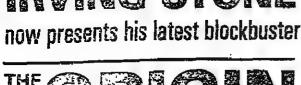
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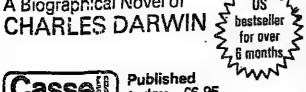
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think it their duty to help them escape the rigours of the law. It is a world in which miracle and magic consort side by side with the reformist ideals of saintly intellectuals. like Muratori (whom Professor Chadwick admires) or tactless innovating bishops like Scipione de Ricci (whom Professor Chadwick admires not at all).

No one else could have given No one else could have given us so marvellous a picture; Professor Chadwick's eye for

eighteenth-century Grand Tourists, famous and obscure, Catholic and Protestant — Henry Swinburne, Pére Labat, Mrs Thrale, Dr Burney, Goethe himself. At times the exocation of the world of folk catholicism betrays these origins; we are led through a romanic land-scip. Here a hermit tends a forest shrine, or a frenzied Capuchin, scourge in hand, excites his outdoor congregation to ecstasies of remorse; there a troop of beggars wait for doles beside a convent door. over all plays the warm sunshine of Professor Chadwick's affectionate but distancing regard. We rarely come close enough to catch the spiritual anguish of the penitents, the misery of the beggar poverty, the sight of the open sore or the stench of the open sewer. Magnificent as the open sewer. Magnificent as the picture is, here and there it the picture is, here and there it leans towards the picturesque. Professor Chadwick acknowledges his debt to the materials collected in Cambridge by Lord Acton, who had planned a book on this same theme. There is a piquancy here, for this is the least Actonian of books. No hint of the historian as judge; here to understand all is to forgive all. Even in the central forgive all. Even in the central

torian is neither preacher nor judge, but a confessor, not a ion but a lamb. The last quarter of the book, devoted to the revolution itself and to its aftermath, is more conventional in treatment. The familiar figures are here: Cardinal Chiaramonti (Pius VII) seen. But he views this renewa not 'simply as the triumph of

Cardinal Chiaramonti (Pius VII) baptizing democracy in his famous Christmas sermon of 1797, Cardinal Ruffo (appropriately named) at the head of a rabble of 17,000 in Caiabria, reconquering the south for Christ with pitchfork, flail and rope, Metternich "Testoring" the papacy as a pillar of reaction in post-Napoleonic Europe. But the conclusions drawn from all this are perhaps more surprising. Professor Chadwick sees after 1815 a church stripped by calamity of much of its influence, but also purged of much of its influence, but also purged of much of its influence. But he views this renewal

Ultramontanism, a papal absolutism good or ghastly according to ene's point of view. If the popes of the nineteenth century dwarfed all other bishops in importance, the church over which they

can a cat walk with impunity, which is not at all what you'd

which is not at all what you'd expect from the writer who, so outraged felinophiles by his treatment of The Mandarin in Dead Babies.

When Your Lover Leaves and Odd Woman Out are both second navels by young women writers concerned with the same theme—a woman's feelings when her lover rejects her in favour of his wife. Both have heroines in their midthirties, whose different reactions to a common traina tions to a common trauma nearly point up the differences between the societies they live in. Susan Trott's Ronda is a Californian poetess who makes ends meet by preparing whole-some vegetarian soups for local restaurants. In moments of extreme angst she tosses off a stanza or practises a little yoga, while her lover, the town mayor, plays the clarinet in bed (Automn Leaves, since you ask). But it's running that really consoles Ronda. Not jogging, you understand, but a punishing fifty miles a week training schedule in preparation for her first marathon. Oc-casionally she succumbs to the little green devil and lobs a metaphorical grenade into the lap of her ex-lover or his wife. She also survives a cancer scare and an affair with a very rum fellow athlete, who might be the Marin County rapist but isn't, vigilantes, another retired from the plot, while a third, well, who can be sure what happens to any of the characters in Other People? As for cats, they either disappear (When Your Lover Leaves), get run over (Odd Woman Out), or find and may be about to retire into a monastery but doesn't. When Your Lover Leaves is as Californian as alfalfa, but I

found it perceptive, funny and thoroughly endearing, for all its battiness.

Maria the New Zealand
journalist in Odd Woman Out is

to be, since her lover, political scientist Charles Hugo, is a very nasty piece of work. Unlike Miss Trott, Wendy Simons tries to throw light on all three corners of her version of the second triangle, and her corners. eternal triangle, and her con-cern is with the situation rather than just the characters in-volved. Charles's wife Hannah is an arry weaver, who only emerges from the shadows as the novel progresses. She is presented as a natural victim, pathetic in her attempts to befriend her husband's mis-tress, and ludicrous as she wards off the advances of a lecherous waterbed salesman. But there is nothing ineffectual about the action she finally takes to ensure that Charles and Maria don't ride off into the sunset together. Theirs is a classically sadomasochistic re-lationship, she being more powerfully attracted the clearer is becomes that he's just stringing her along, he scarcely bothering to conceal the pleasure he derives from tormenting the women who love him. Odd Woman Out is a highly moral tale in which happiness is reserved for the mine characteristics. reserved for the minor characters, Maria's Cheery flatmate-Bobbie and her former boy-friend Robert, who are brought together by their shared disap-proval of her egotistical but self-destructive pursuit of Char-les. It's an old, old story of course, but Miss Simons is a wickedly sharp observer of the excitement and the messiness of clandestine relationships, and she almost manages to persuade us that she is the first writer to discover that three into two

Riackwood and Martin Amis are both estab-lished writers with a decidedly an altogether tougher variety of The New Woman, and she needs

black view of the world. The Fate of Mary Rose is a very nasty book indeed, which explores how a psychopathic historiza and his loopy wife are affected by the sadistic murder of a local girl the same age as their daughter. The short answer is that they become madder and nastier, but I found little to admire and nothing to enjoy in this excursion into little to admire and nothing to enjoy in this excursion into Highsmith territory. As the whole world now knows, Martin Amis's Other People is an opaque book, so I followed his suggestion to read it twice, confident that his hubris would be suitably punished. Alas, maddening though it is to admit it, the effort was worth while. A second reading reveals inconsissecond reading reveals inconsis-tencies — why should the amne-siac heroine know the difference between a crow and a sparrow when she isn't even sure whether or not she has a mouth?—but the longer you spend in Mr Amis's hellish world, the more time you have to relax and to appreciate that, for all its savagery and obscur-ity. Other People is a very funny book. It's also occasionally over-written. The sentence "choirs of betrayal serenade his every thought" has a fine ring but what does it mean And what other author would dare write "the halcony puddles pinged with their space invaders from the sky, helplessly reflect-ing this new war of the worlds" when what we're actually being told is that it's raining? But there's neither doubt that the boy can write, nor that Other People is an achievement light years ahead of his earlier novels. It had me purring with

John Nicholson

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- Sterling 52,2630, down 30 points Index 100.6, unchanged
- Index 99.5, up 0.3
- DM 2.0855, up 40 points
- Gold
- \$528.50, down \$12
- Money 3 mth sterling 123-125 6 mth Euro \$ 1418-1418

INBRIEF

EEC refund of £276m for British regions

The European Community will transfer about £276m to Eritain before the end of the month to belp pay for special infrastructure investment pro-

infrastructure investment programmes in five regions.

The payments, which come after last year's agreement to cut the United Kingdom's EEC budget burden, are being made in respect of Britain's 1980 contributions. They bring the level of refund so far received for last year to 1664 fm or 20 Prudential profits for last year to £644.6m or 80

By Andrew Goodrick-Clarke and Richard Allen per cent of the total amount to which Britain is entitled.

The regions which benefit from the transfer are Scotland, insurers, Prudential Corpora-tion, sent a shock wave through Yorkshire and Humberside,
Northern Ireland, the North of
England and South-West
England. Roughly 40 per cent
of the money will be spent on
telecommunications projects,
almost one-fifth on water and
sewerage improvements. the stock market yesterday when it revealed profits down by 62 per cent to £42.5m. Almost without exception the market's specialists had misjudged what was happening at the Prudential in the second half of 1980. After the results, the shares fell by 16p to 243p; there was salling of other lead.

E8m rights issue 😗

Country and New Town Procountry and New Town Fro-perties is raising £8m through a rights issue of one for two at 53p a share. British and Commonwealth Shipping is taking up its 40 per ceut envilement, and so is Mr Gerald Newton, chairman, for his 6.6 per cent stake. The balance of the issue, 8 million shares, is being underwritten by stockbrokers Rowe & Pitman. The money will help the group expand in North America and improve the European and United Kingdom portfolios. Financial Editor page 21

British Gas office deal

The Prudential's life business continued to grow last year: premium income exceeded £1,000m for the first time, increasing by nearly 15 per cent. Profits from this area were 22 per cent higher at £29.5m. But there was a different story on the general insurance side. Here underwriting losses more than doubled to £33.9m and, surprisingly, investment income remained almost static at £33.6m. So the Prudential was unable, as is usually the British Gas has paid £24m for its Marble Arch, London office building. The property was jointly owned by Rank Organisation and Newarthill, through a Sir Robert McAlpine substitution. diary. Rank will use its £11.4m profit to reduce its borrowings and Newarthill said it had eceived a large surplus on the

tax.

600m Sudan debt

Agreement on a \$600m (2260m) debt rescheduling for judan is expected in two nonths. The five main inter-lational creditor banks, workng on behalf of more than 100 ther hanks agreed outline erms for the package last october and the Sudanese uthorities are now discussing

Belgian bank rate

The Belgian National Bank as announced a one point inrease of its discount rate to 3 per cent. The rate for curent account and special ad-ances was raised two points.

Isso price rise

Further increases in petrol rices are on the way. Esso dded an additional 2p a gallon om midnight last night and milar increases are expected om other companies,

loover plan rejected

The 23,000 shopfloor workers : Hoover's Cambuslang plant ear Glasgow have rejected the impany's latest plan to cut

Vall Street bigh

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The Dow Jones industrial erage closed at 1,015.22, up .09 on Wall Street yesterday its best level in over eight ars. The S = SDR exchange te was 1.23423 while the = SDR rate was 0.545155.

Chancellor renews plea for single figure pay deals

By David Blake Economics Editor

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancel-lor of the Exchequer yesterday launched a new government drive to talk down the level drive to talk down the level of pay settlements with a call that they should be "in the middle of a single figure range" next year. Addressing the Commons Treasury select committee, Sir Geoffrey drew encouragement from the fact that people have "chosen lower pay settlements and higher that people have "chosen lower pay settlements and higher growth," in recent months.

He called for a return to the experience of the 1950s when wage increases were low and came from expanding output, not inflation.

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The call for pay restraint was coupled with a strong hint that it should be possible to cut interest rates further in the year; shead. Sir Geoffrey said that the "crucial" need to get loterest rates down had played a big part in so many of this month's tough Budget

He showed considerable confidence in asserting that the re-cession would bottom out some time during the first half of

fall hits market

One of the country's largest

there was selling of other leading insurance shares, notably those of Legal & General, another big life insurance group, due to report shortly. Its shares fell by 7p to 245p.

The Prodential's life business

The Prudential's life business

In Britain, where there was

a £1.5m deterioration in under-

writing losses of £9.3m, the

group blamed an increase in the number and cost of claims, particularly in house-contents

A similar tale of underwriting

businesses,

corporate finance arm

losses was reported from the Prudential's Australian, Belgian

Merchant bank N. M. Roth-

schild is striengthening its cor-porate finance department by recruiting Mr Michael Richard-son of stockbrokers Cazenove &

Mr Richardson, who will lead the department, is one of the most senior of Cazenove's

corporate finance team where

and helping fend off the unwelcome bid from Trusthouse

Cazenove are brokers to Rothschild, but Mr Richardson said the offer of the post came

as an enormous surprise. He looked to the challenge of being a principal rather than

an agent. Mr Evelyn de Rothschild, who

heads the merchant bank, said yesterday that, although there

was a strong young corporate finance team at the bank, it

needed a good man at the top and Rothschild would now be

"trying to build a team which will be as competitive as any

in the City".

Rothschild's corporate finance

he has been advising House of Fraser in its battle against Lonrho. He is also on the board of The Savoy Hotel group

this year, claiming that evidence to support this view was visible throughout the country.

The Chancellor's performance was generally far more assured than his earlier appearances before the committee. He strongly defended the Budget strategy, and gave warning that pumping in extra demand would

pumping in extra demand would have at best a short-term stimulatory effect on output.

The MPs who questioned him scored few points, though they did force him to admit that the Government was concerned about the way in which public spending cuts have hit capital investment rather than current expenditure. Work was under way to look at some of the issues which this raises, he said.

said.
The Chancellor stressed his keenness to involve private capital in joint schemes with the public sector, as soon as they could be shown to be profitable. But he also called on nationalized industries to raise more of their own money.
A 1 per cent reduction in costs could liberate an extra £300m for investment he said.
The Chancellor was at his

though the worst loss was sus-tained by its reinsurance special-ist, Mercantile and General Re-

£4.1m to £12.4m as over-capacity and a rating-cut in international

reinsurance markets took their

M & G was involved in reinsurance claims after the British Aerospace warehouse fire the Alexandra Palace blaze and

the Avondale shipyard loss in the United States which cost

the London insurance market

\$300m. It was also involved in a number of claims as a result

So M. & G's large loss was partly accounted by its increase in technical reserves in the face of these and potential

Despite this disappointing outcome from its general business, however, the Prudential has raised its dividend by more than 15 per cent to 15.7p a share gross for the year.

Eagle Star also disappointed the interest of the product o

the insurance marker despite a £1.6m rise in full year profits to £65.9m and an increase in the final dividend, lifting rotal

side had an enviable reputation in the sixties and early seventies but is widely thought to have declined in recent years as talented people left and the rift between Mr Evelyn de Rothschild and his less conventional cousin Jacob widened.

The feud between the two culminated in the much-publicized resignation of Mr

publicized resignation of Mr Jacob Rothschild last year.
Recently N. M. Rothschild has taken part in few of the major takeover battles or new issues. One of its few important

corporate finance operations lately in the United Kingdom

was the placing of the National Enterprise Board's stake in Ferranti with institutions. When Mr Richardson joins

the bank in June, Mr David Secker Walker, who now heads corporate finance, will become a vice-chairman of the bank.

Mr Richardson has been with Cazenove for 11 years. He joined them from stockbrokers Panmure Gordon and before that he was with the Drayton

case, to offset its losses before payments by nearly 17 per cent.

Rothschild strengthens its

Hurricane Allen.

Losses here mounted from

insurance.

ides that setting a higher pub-lic borrowing limit for next year would have aided recovery. Doing this would have held up interest rates, which might have kept up the exchange rate, he argued.

This would have benefited

consumers at the expense of industry, and his Budget had sought to switch some of the corporate sector.

found few inconsistencies in the Government's forecast of its spending and taxation, session as an opportunity to put across his point of view more than he had on recent

He was clearly determined to get across the message that falling inflation must imply falling pay settlements and that by this time next year they should be down to the middle of the single figure range, though he refused to fix on any

But this would seem to imply that the Government hopes that that the earnings will rise by about 5 ing out.

to 6 per cent during the next pay round, which begins in summer. This would be slightly below the projected rate of in-flation, though Government ministers hoped that in next year's Budget they might be able to cut taxes.

But the Chancellor warned against believing that North Sea oil would provide a new windfall for the economy in vears to come.

He pointed out that the Government was already receiving £5,000m a year from the North Sea, yet it was still run-ning a deficit of £10,500m. [North Sea oil and gas pro-

duction was worth £5,600m or 3 per cent of gross national product in 1980. It is projected to rise to £10,200m or 5 per cent Britain's gnp by 1984, the Treasury estimates,]

The Chancellor did not pre tend that any strong recovery in the conomy was likely over the next 12 months, but he did say that it was possible to be "too sceptical" about signs that the recession was bottom-

EEC ministers set for crucial steel talks

By Peter Hill Industrial Editor

European Community indus-try ministers are to begin crucial discussions today on the continuing crisis in the steel industry. The outcome of this meeting will largely determine whether the steel industry begins the slow climb back to financial strength, or whether the continuing price war will claim further victims and thousands more steel workers'

Today's meeting will consider proposals for a coordinated reduction of excess capacity. which has been an important factor in the collapse in steel prices and the phasing out of state aids for the industry by the middle of 1983. The efforts to reach agree-

ment on these proposals are being complemented by discussions among the steel producers who are trying to secure volun-tary curbs on production and deliveries when the EEC man-datory controls end in June. Mr Ian MacGregor, the British Steel Corporation chairman, who addressed a conference in London yesterday organized by institute of Purchas Supply, stressed the need for steel producers to try to achieve stability between supply and

The result was around £10m below stock market estimates and the shares fell 16p to 242p. Spiralling claims on the group's big liability account were the main reason for a jump in the group's general underwriting deticit from £18.8m to £32.5m. "There has been no increase in prices for over two years, and this despite the high level of domestic inflation. The position has been worsened still further by the recent relative strength of the pound. Prices have reached such low levels Finaucia) Editor, page 21 Eagle Star results, page 22 that no steel producers in Europe are in profit. This is a nonsensical situation and the success of British Steel's cor-

> some strengthening of price levels through 1981-82. Mr MacGregor defended the corporation's policy of cutting prices to match those of imorted steel and insisted that it was not their intention to undercut prices in the market. away from the private sector.
>
> Mr William Sirs, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation who

porate plan will depend on



Mr William Sirs: fatal flaws

clashed with Mr MacGregor yesterday over the foundations of the corporate plan, will today 'urge Viscount Etienne Davignon, the EEC Industry Commissioner, to put pressure on the United Kingdom Government to "freeze" further reductions in corporation capacity. He will press for capacity cuts within the EEC.

At the same conference he At the same conference he described Mr MacGregor as criticized the manner in which the corporation had formulated its corporate plan.

"As far as we are concerned we cannot endorse something we did not see. There are fatal flaws in the plan: We are fol-lowing a pattern of contraction which is wrecking our indust-rial base", he said. Improvements: Preliminary results from the first two months of operation of the British Steel Corporation's corporate restricturing plan indi-

cated significant improvements, Department of Industry officials told a select committee of MPs told a select committee of MPs in the House of Commons yesterday (Patricia Tisdall writes).

Mr Kenneth Binning, under secretary of the iron and steel division of the department said that the results were due to come under formal scrutiny tomorrow, but the first indication was that productivity improvements in the main corpor-

to disrupt bank cash deliveries and Donald Macintyre

With the 24-hour Barclays Bank strike expected to start

at 4.0 pm today, the prospect of further disruption in the banking industry heightened as union officials threatened the distribution of coins and banknotes from cash centres through selective industrial action by messenners

The Banking Insurance and Finance Union (Bifu) yesterday decided to ballot selected groups of messengers on whether they want to take action in support of the pay dispute

involving 70,000 clerical staff. The union's executive will meet romorrow week to consider the next step in the light of both that ballot and a ballot of 7,000 clerical staff who are being asked if they will take part in the second stage of limited industrial action being planned by the union,

Around half of the 400 Barclays Bank computer staff at its Gloucester and Wythenshawe centres have voted to strike. They are at the hub of the bank's operations and control Barclaybanks-automated cashdispensers-Barclaycard authorizations, and settlement of customers' accounts,

The effect on customers is still unclear, but Bifu said Barclaybanks may be shut if enough operators are called out.
Otherwise, Barclaycard authorizations, will be lost, customer's accounts will not be updated and clearing will be halted for the 24-hour period. Barclays admitted last night

that the strike would cause internal disruption but that there would be minimal convenience to customers. The spokesman said the Barclay-banks could be stopped but the bank thought it unlikely. "It will be a 24-hour hiccup", he said.

Mr Nick Cowan, director of the Federation of London Clearing Bank Employers, said yesterday that the centres control Barclays' nationwide ner-work, The strike would have more effect because the Bifu members are computer opera-tors rather than the clerical employees who took action at loyds earlier this week.

Delays in clearing cheques clay banks may be stopped and accounts would not be updated and this would create a backlog of work. But Mr Cowan added that the centres run on a 24-hour and seven-day week basis and should be operating normally within a day or two.

The Clearing Banks Union, which represents 93,000 mem-bers in the five clearing banks has not instructed its members to cross Bifu picket lines but has left it to individuals to decide. Results of the union's ballot on industrial action will be known on Monday.

Bifu said it was "delighted" with the result of the 24-hour stoppage by clerical staff at the Lloyds computer centre at Samson House, Blackfriars, which ended on Tuesday night Union officials claimed tha the bulk of cheques had not been cleared during normal working hours. Lloyds manage ment said, however, that about 1.1 million cheques had gone through normally.

Union threat | Conditional go-ahead for Berisford's British Sugar bid

Commodities Correspondent
A renewed bid by S. & W.
Berisford, the commodity trading group, for the British Sugar
Corporation is possible after a
Monopolies Commission ruling
yesterday, the commission ruling
yesterday, the commission said
that, although the merger might
operate against the public interest, Berisford would be allowed
to go ahead if it agreed to safeguards laid down by Mr John
Biffen, the Secretary of State
for Trade.

The commission specified two conditions for the bid proceedings. One was that Beris-ford would have to cease trading sugar refined by Tate & Lyle, except where the sugar was bought for use in Berisford's or BSC's own products,

The second condition was that BSC must be kept as an independent subsidiary, and that Berisford must publish financial and other information about BSC equivalent to that produced by BSC at present.

Berisford said immediately after the announcement, made by Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Minister for Consumer Affairs, that its board-has asked for a meeting with the Government to discuss plans for the dis-posal of the Government's own 24 per cent stake in BSC.

BSC shares gained 5p in after-hours trading to close at 290p, with about one million shares reportedly changing hands. But, despite the market's evident belief that a new bid was likely, Mr John Beckett, chief executive of BSC, said that he would await Berisford's next move.

It is understood, however, that BSC met last night with its professional advisers to conits professional advisers to con-sider defensive moves. Both BSC and Berisford feel that the conditions laid down by the commission do not present an obstacle to the bid. Beris-ford is believed to have told the commission that it would accept these restrictions.

Beristord's original £124m bid for BSC was made last May, and the reference to the commission came in June. At the end of 1980 the commission asked for a three-month extension, chiefly because of the complexity of the sugar market. What primarily concerned the

commission was that there is not, in its judgment, much competition in the supply of sugar to Britain. There are only two refiners; ESC, which handles beet and whose prices are basically governed by the EEC, and Tate & Lyle, a financially weaker company which processes cane sugar from Africa, the Caribbean and Pacific.

other sugar traders would import more to meet demand if BSC and Berisford tried to manipulate the market.

The main obstacle however, was that Berisford has often handled a lot of Tate & Lyle sugar. The commission feared that a serious loss of competition could result from Berisford controlling BSC and trading. Tate & Lyle sugar. This was the reason for the prohibition on trading Tate sugar.

Another crucial area considered by the commission was BSC's recently adopted policy of selling sugar directly to users and eliminating middle men, a controversial policy attacked last year by sugar merchants who reported BSC to the European Commission, alleging abuse of market power.

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The commission decided that it was impossible to say what would be the impact on merchanting of a Berisford takeover. The commission said:

"In these circumstances they could not conclude that the merger would affect it in some way adverse to the public interest." interest."

Farmers were alarmed yesterday about the outcome of the investigation even though one of their main demands was met, Hugh Clayton writes. Mr Richard Butler, president of the National Farmers' Union, said: "The Government cannot become its recognition for escape its responsibility for safeguarding the future of sugar beet production."

That was an opaque reference to the fear among farmers ence to the fear among farmers
that the Government will
sell its 24 per cent stake in
the British Sugar Corporation.
The NFU said in evidence to
the Monopolies Commission
last year that it would oppose
the Berisford bid if it led to
any reduction in Government
involvement in the sugar industry. It regarded the Government

stake as an important safeguard against diversification by the corporation away from sugar-processing. The commission said yesterday that the NFU bad asked it to ensure that, if Berisford was allowed to bid for the corporation, "Berisford would enter into binding and continuing arrangements under which the Government would retain its present rights of intervention."

It was similarly concluded that, providing adequate information was made available, there need not be a deterioramers and other workers. one member of the commission disagreed, arguing that indus-The commission did not disagreed, arguing that indus-accept Berisford's claim that its trial relations would suffer so sugar importing activity as a much that the merger should trader would compete freely be stopped.

Refinery rescue fails

Sugar processors have re-jected a plan to keep the Tate & Lyle cane sugar refinery at Liverpool open by exporting

The company told trade union leaders last night that explora-tory talks with the British Sugar Corporation about a joint export venture had ended without agreement.

The venture was proposed by union leaders in February and

accepted by ministers as an avenue worth exploring. The corporation, which processes all beet grown in Britain, decided that EEC rules on pricing and quotas would make beet exports peconomic.
The refinery, which opened

more than 100 years ago, is due to close next week with the loss of 1,500 jobs.

The union team yesterday unsurcessfully asked for an extension to allow for more talks

with the Government.



INTERIM RESULTS (unaudited)

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Mrs J. M. Tyrrell, Chairman, comments:

The profit for the 28 weeks to the 9th January 1981 is very encouraging and much in line with our forecast and expectations. Providing trade continues at its present level we expect that the second half of the year will be at least as good as

Hand knitting continues to fare better than textiles enerally, although overall the market is somewhat reduced. We have however again managed to increase our market share resulting in an increase in volume as well as turnover. Your directors have declared a net interim dividend of 2.7p per share on the ordinary shares (1980: 2p per share)

payable on the 19th May 1981 to all ordinary shareholders on the register of members at the close of business on 24th April 1981. Sirdar Limited, Alverthorpe, Wakefield, WF2 9ND

provements in the main corporation plants was equal to or better than that required Shipbuilders pay talks adjourned

By Donald Macintyre

Labour Reporter

Talks on a pay and producthe industry.

tivity deal for British Shipbuilders' 70,000 manual workers and staff will resume next week after rejection by the unions of proposals for sweeping changes in working practices in Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Union leaders have made ir clear informally

to the corporation that they will not accept plans to allow skilled workers to switch

Business appointments, page 23 between different trades very

much further than at present. Is determined to reduce what it the plans expand a declaration already made by top management that they are seeking "total interchange proposals would affect working billion". seeking "total interchange-ability" between trades as one of the productivity measures

pay talks resume, probably on Monday in Newcastle, the confederation will say that the detailed interchangeability measures are neither realistic nor as beneficial as British Shipbuilders believes. For its part, the corporation vesterday's talks.

they wish to see attached to this year's pay deal.

Although the outline pro-posals may be discussed when

shipyard workers. Many of the proposals would affect working practices particularly within the Amalgamated Society of Boilermakers. Meanwhile, talks on the cor-poration's restructuring pro-gramme were adjourned after brief meeting held yesterday. There has been a shortfall of 600 on the staff reduction of

2,600 which British Shipbuilders was aiming at. The possibility of compulsory redundancy for the 600 was not raised at

Tokyo retorts that Western industrial production cannot compete

Chorus of protest at Japanese export drive

complaints from nations across the world because its highly efficient industrial

plants are threatening the future of domestic competitors in the United States, Western Europe and Asia. . Bur in retaliation, Tokyo officials complained that Japan was being asked to curb its exports because Western products could not compete. Officials in the Ministry of International Trade and Industry claimed Japan had achieved this competitive edge because it had outstripped the West in industrial production over the past 13

The loudest protest came from Washington yesterday where President Reagan met Mr Masayoshi Ito, the Japanese Foreign Minister, to persuade Japan to curb car exports to the United States. Tokyo officials said their motor industry would restrain car exports to America on a voluntary basis. These exports have risen from 800,000 vehicles in 1975 to 1.9 million last

year. On another front, M François Missoffe, a

French trade representative, told Japan that France might be forced to introduce special measures to protect its markets from more competitive Japanese cars and other industrial goods.

Defending France's policies in an interview with a Japanese news agency yester-day, M Missoffe is reported to have said the French Government had decided to limit Japanese car exports to Jess than 3 per cent of the country's domestic market until our cars can compete with Japanese cars". Sales of Japanese cars in France rose by 29 per cent last year to 54,897. Earlier this mouth, the EEC accepted

a French proposal banning indirect imports of Japanese colour television sets. Even Europe's most efficient industrial power, West Germany, has lodged protests that Japan is beginning to capture an alarming sector of its domestic car, television, electrical consumer goods and machine tool markets. German diplomats are worried specifically because Japanese car exports to West Germany rose by 70 per cent last year.

Recent complaints from the EEC forced Tokyo to urge Japanese industrialists to regulate car exports to Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg in "a more prudent and moderate manner". Association of South-east Asian Nations has also complained about one-sided trade with Japan. In their defence, the Japanese say their

industrial production has risen by 130 per cent since 1967, compared with 50 per cent for West Germany, 30 per cent for the United States and 10 per cent for the United Kingdom.

The Japanese Government is expected to deal with the problem of placating the United States first. A formula for voluntary cuts in car ex-

ports is expected to be presented to the United States when Mr Zenko Suzuki, the Japanese Prime Minister, travels to Wash-

> Peter Hazelhurst in Tokyo

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had been designed with a take-

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British airport. Would we then

have spent the money to im-

of its destany and of the value of prestige projects. We still

nati to measure value on a national basis. In Japan the Ministry of International Trade and Industry has a specific remit to go into the highways

and byways of the world of

rechnology and purchase ideas which will be of value to the changing industrial status of

the country. Every day com-pany results and government cutbacks indicate that indus-

tries, both private and nation-

factory. The solution is not to

be found by sweeping these

away altogether. I hope that the

Government will accept the spirit of the amendment which has been carried by the House

of Lords and make legislative

provision for a reformed registry established on a basis

that is appropriate for the demands of the modern world.

Yet he is committing not just

£200m in guarantees but the hardware that will support for

system. Does he really think

that we are so nalve as to

believe that if the Government's

existing investment in ICL equipment needs protecting to the tune of £200m, that when and if the PAYE system is in-

under any circumstance afford to let the company fail. D. B. JAMES,

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JEREMY MITCHELL,

18 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9.AA.

National Consumer Council.

Director,

From Mr D. B. James

Sir, What is happening to the Conservative Party, has its policy towards lame ducks undergone one of its now infamous "U-turns"?

Con Sir Kaith Loseph really approached to compete profitably in a previously protected (single tender) market, how is it going to operate successfully now that this protection has been removed. Especially in the pre-

Can Sir Keith Joseph really sent environment when even expect us in the industry to the giants (for example, IBM) believe that the £200m loan are girding themselves for the guarantee to ICL will not be onslaught from the Japanese.

No other industrial nation is

lacking in the understanding

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rather as though Concorde

at 125 mph.

Soviet block debts to West total \$67,000m

Soviet block nations owed Western countries \$67,000m (£29,130m) last year, up from \$60,000m in 1979. But Western banks remained lightly exposed, according to the United Nations Economic Commission for

Europe.
The increased borrowings were used mainly to finance Eastern European current account deficits and to build up foreign currency reserves.

Most of the debt was in the form of official credits granted by Western nations, with the largest lenders being West German, France and Italy, Most

promoting mutual exports, However, rising world prices of oil and gas last year gave the Soviet Union what is probably its first trade surplus with the West and Japan, western trade experts said.

of these credits were aimed at

Italian banks to raise prime rates

Italian banks have decided to raise their prime rate to 22.5 per cent, after the Bank of Italy raised its discount rate to 19 per cent. Advances for export financing will now be made at ordinary clients is expected to be in the region of 24 to 26 per cent, or in some cases up to 28 per cent.

Japan 'discrimination'

Sir Y. K. Kan, chairman of the semi-official Hongkong Trades Development Council, alleged yesterday that Japan's exclusion of some Hongkong products from the Japanese Generalized Scheme of Preferences (GSP) was a discriminatory measure. Certain Hongkong goods to Japan are exempted from import duty be-cause Hopgkong is considered a developing territory.

Sweden-Norway pact

Mrs. Gro Harlem Brundtland, Prime Minister of Norway, and Mr Torbjorn Faldin, Prime Minister of Sweden, have signed a 20-year economic cooperation agreement between their two countries. The agreement involves the establish-ment of a joint fund to help to provide favourable loans for future joint industrial projects.

Indonesia oil find

Conoco has discovered a substantial oil deposit in Irian Jaya, Indonesia and test drilling has yielded 6,000 barrels of crude a day, the Pertamina State Oil company has State Oil company has announced Conoco is working on a production sharing agreement with Pertamina, and further drillings will be made.

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Extract trade deficit with Community's trade deficit with the United States doubled last year to \$25,000m (£10,800m). Commission sources blamed the deficit, twice as big as that with Japan, on poor EEC industrial performance and rising imports of manufactured goods.

US investment up

Overseas subsidiaries of American companies are planning investments of \$53,000m (£23,000m) this year, 13 per cent more than in 1980, the Commerce Department said in Washington. The 1981 investments will reach \$20,000m in the EEC.

Fuel price rise

France is to raise the price of petrol, diesel and household heating fuel by five centimes a litre to 1.936 francs (17p) from tomorrow. The price for a litre of super grade petrol goes up to 3.77 francs.

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Toyo Menka Kaisha has signed a contract to import one million barrels of crude oil from Dubai for shipment in

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NatWest

Investment Accounts

NatWest announces that with effect

from Wednesday April 1st, 1981 the

THREE MONTH NOTICE

INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

will be reduced from 131% to 111%

SIX MONTH NOTICE

INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

will be reduced from 14% to 12% per

National Westminster Bank Limited

Aid for high technology 'little men' Advanced passenger train support

Formation of a new subsidiary company aimed at stimulating the expansion of small businesses, particularly in hightechnology, was announced yesterday by the National Enterprise Board.

The new company, Oakwood Loan Finance, has been established in line with the Government's revised guidelines for the NEB, which require it to become a catalyst for investment in small com-panies. Oakwood will provide five-year loans of up to £50,000.

Announcing the establishment of the new company—which opens up another evenue of finance for smaller companies whose growth the Government is dedicated to promoting—Sir Frederick Wood, chairman of the NEB, said that it aimed to nourish the grass roots of business. Against the background of the loan guarantee scheme for small businesses to

be operated by the clearing banks and ennounced in the Budget earlier this month, Sir Frederick said: "Over a quarter of a million of Britain's gross national product is attributable to smaller businesses and self-employed people. They represent one of our driving forces in identifying new technology and innovation in general. Every large business began as a small enterprise based on individual initiative.

The NEB's new subsidiary will have an initial tranche of film to allocate to deserving businesses which have clear potential. Over the past few months while the scheme has been formulated, a number of potential applicants have already indicated their interest, although the executives who will be responsible for decisions on loan allocations will make clear that most companies will be expec-

Portugal

on textile

Despite the problems in its

own textile industry, there will be no change in Britain's policy

on low-cost textiles from Portu-

gal until that country is "fully established" within the Euro-

With Britain's textile and clothing industry losing 100,000 jobs last year, the Government

has been under intense pressure

to cut imports, Mr Biffen said.

But it was in everybody's interests that present understand-

logs on Portuguese exports con-

tinued for the time being he

There is a voluntary restraint agreement on Portugal's exports of textiles and clothing to the

United Kingdom that sets upper

volume limits but in shirts alone Portugal accounts for a third of the British market, with

About half of Portugal's total exports of all goods to Europe find their way to Eritain, Portugal's oldest trading

The voluntary restraint agree-

ment runs out in January, but

Britain expects to renew this

to cover the period until Portugal joins the EEC, prob-ably in 1983. The transition

Little comfort: But Mr Biffen's remarks will be of little com-

fort to the United Kingdom's man-made fibre industry which has been forced to cut back ex-

tensively over the past few months as a result of the reces-

sion, continued inroads being made by imports, and rising

energy costs (Peter Hill writes).

The industry's sector working

party, which operates under the National Economic Develop-ment Office, has warned Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister for

In talks with Mr Baker, the

working party complained about the effect of the high sterling exchange rate, high

costs, especially of energy, the

volume of American imports; and the need for a stable dom-

estic market. NEDO is to undertake a de-

tailed investigation of the key

elements in the cost structure

of the British libres industry compared with its competitors.

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20 million.

imports of well over

pean Economic Community. This undertaking was given in Oporto yesterday by Mr John Biffen, Secretary of State for

imports

By Derek Harris



Sir Frederick Wood: opening another avenue of finance for smaller companies.

ted to have sounded out other sources of Most of the loans to be made by Oakwood are expected to be between £20,000 and £40,000, and the NEB believes that its scheme will fill a gap in the rapidly growing market of loan facilities for the

small company.

The NEB team is promising speedy processing of applications (between 10) to 14 days) and companies taking up loans, which will carry an interest rate 2 per cent higher than MLR, will qualify for a three-year repayment "holiday", which is seen by its promoters as enabling com-

for Australian airline

gressional criticism within

applications and at terms more

favourable than those on loans granted previously for similar

Critics point out that the en-dorsement came only three days after Mr Murdoch had a

private lunch with Mr Carter at

the White House—a lunch that took place the same day Mr Murdoch met with bank offi-

cials and personally handed Ansett's loan application to Mr

Moore, a Carter appointee who

was a strong supporter of the former President during the

1976 campaign.
The FBI has interviewed

Treasury aides and the Euro-

pean aircraft manufacturer which was competing with Boeing to sell wide-body jets

In addition to the FBI in-

going for rebates to the airline

for buying United States air-craft: The charge, made in two anonymous phone calls to Con-gressional aides, has been de-nied by bank officials, who say

Ansett has signed a certificate

to guarantee that none of the

loan money is being used for cash kickback.—Washington

accounted for half this sum

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to Ansett.

UK pledge to FBI inquiry into loan

Washington, March 25.-The

FBI is investigating the United States Export-Import bank's low-interest, \$290m (£125m) loan to an Australian airline,

controlled by Mr Rupert Mur-

doch, for possible misuse of public money.

The inquiry, launched at the request of the Justice Department's public integrity section, is to determine whether the unitsually low interest loan was

usually low interest loan was politically motivated, granted in return for a political favour— or commercially justified.

According to sources who have been interviewed by the

FBI, the investigation began last September more than six months after the bank gave pre-liminary approval to the con-

troversial loan enabling Mr Murdoch's Ansett Transport In-dustries to buy 18 Boeing sir-liners, including five wide-body

767s, at an average 8.1 per cent

Former President Jimmy Carter, Mr Murdoch, and Mr John Moore, president of the Ex-Im bank, have all denied any

connection between the loan and

the endorsement of Mr Carter during the New York Presiden-dal primary by The New York Post, which is owned by Mr Murdoch. They have argued that the favourable financing

terms were necessary to keep

Ansett from buying wide-body jets from a European manufac-

The loan, now before Congress for review, is to be granted finally by the bank

next week if Congress does not

Insurers could face record claims for aircraft lost last year Mr Jack Webb, retiring chair-

man of the Aviation Insurance

Offices Association, said in his annual report which was pre-

sented in London yesterday. Twenty three airliners built in the West and insured for a

total of \$200m (£87m) were lost last year, the highest number

The loan drew strong Con- Star News Service.

Aircraft loss 'record'

intervene in the meantime.

Air Correspondent

panies to concentrate on profitable growth in the early years. industrial future of this country must again view Michael Baily's article "Rough ride for the tilting train" (March 17) with

abject horror.

When, oh when, will we learn

that projects such as the advanced passenger train are "seedcorn" of future generations of engineering? Govern-

ments do not learn, so probably we need a revolution.

More than five years ago I

wrote, "Historically APT can-

not be measured as a develop-

ment expenditure plus £26m for

three prototypes plus £60m for production units. It must be measured as the first example

of a nationalized industry

developing and producing a successful world beater, which increases any industrial under-

standing to a degree far more

valuable than the actual cost ".

This is still true, British Rail

must be allowed to be competi-tive in the late 1980s and 1990s. Problems are solved by

adequate engineering input but this costs money. Countries are bankrupt by politicians and

muddled thinking.

Doubts about passenger expense will be completely assuaged with regular use especially if speeds higher than 125 mph are allowed. After all, nobody complains when an aircraft

From the Director of the National Consumer Council
Sir, The amendment to the Com-

panies (No 2) Bill which was

panies (NO 2) Bill which was carried in the House of Lords last week indicates the strength and breadth of feeling that it would be misguided to abolish the Registry of Business Names.

the Registry of Business Names.
Consumers, creditors, enforcement officials, other businesses and journalists all, for differing reasons, share the need to be guaranteed access to adequate information about the true identity of traders.
Anyone who sets himself up in public as a trader should say who he is.

The City's best predictions

are that ICL will need £150m

by its year end in September and will make a "conserva-tive" loss of £60m. Based on

these sort of figures how does

he really expect the company

to compete and service its exist-

ing and new borrowings?
Having offered the company

to a number of cash, technology

and management-rich com-

and management-rich com-panies and been turned down, he should be fully aware that they and the commercial finan-cial establishments, the experts,

hold out no hope of ICL being

If the company has been un-

engineers as men with oily rags

who are always on strike. Granted that the term "engi-

neer" does lead one to think of somebody working with engines, (I have for many years

advocated substituting the name "applied scientist"), but

this cannot be the reason for

Present day engineers

ICL loan guarantee

Business names registry

a the early years.

A feature of the scheme will be that, in parallel with the granting of loans, Oakwood would seek to purchase warrants from small businesses granted a loan facility. A warrant would allow Oakwood to subscribe for a maximum of 20 per cent of the equity capital in a company between the end of the fifth and seventh

This facility would offer small com-panies the option of equity funding by the NEB through Oakwood, as a further stage in their development. But com-panies will be able to "buy out" the exercise of the warrant by Oakwood by making a payment to the NEB subsidiary. The "buy-out" payment will normally be up to a maximum of 20 per cent of a multiple of two or three times the average profits of the company in its fourth and The company said that loans would be

available to new ventures and to estab lished companies considered to have high growth potential, although Oakwood would also be prepared to provide loans as part of an overall financing package put together for a small company.

The establishing of the new loans com-pany comes after the formation last year by the NEB of Anglo-American Venture Capital for high technology businesses in the assisted areas. Another company, Grosvenor Development Capital, provides specialist help for a group of the NEB's smaller investments. At present the board is processing about 50 applications for loans made to Anglo-American Venture

Peter Hill

New Ford

The trucks, named Cargo, will replace the company's D-Series vehicles which last year captured 27 per cent of the up to 28-tonne gross weight sector of the United Kingdom heavy vehicle market.

Cargo will cover the 6-to-28.5-

The trucks represent a big challenge by Ford to European manufacturers, including Leyland Vehicles which is attempt

tured in Britain. The company makes trucks at Langley, Transit vans at Southampton and Escort vans at Halewood, Merseyside. Last year, 60 per cent of D-Series trucks and 35 per cent of Ford's total United Kingdom commercial vehicle output was The company makes trucks exported.

pared with 879 in 1979. Crew fatalities were 92 compared with 70 the year before.

Redundancy Kenneto Baker, Minister for Industry, that output is expected to fall by nearly 40,000 tonines over the next two years from last year's 433,000 tonies, with further job losses the inexitable consequence. level remains

By David Hewson At least 45,000 people were made redundant last month bringing the total put out of work during the last seven months to 343,800.

The latest provisional figures show that the number of redundancies is not increasing over recent months and may have fallen slightly, but it is still well above last year.

According to estimates of e Manpower Services Com-ission, 90,000 redundancies mission, 90,000 redundancies occurred during the first two months of this year compared with 55,100 during the same period of 1980.

e principal areas affected last month were metal manufacturing, mechanical engineering and electrical engineering, which accounted for 35 per cent of the total.

per cent of the total.

There are no signs that the continuing problems of industry are abating.

The number of jobs supported by the Government's temporary short-time working compensation scheme, which encourages companies to move onto short-time rather than make employees redundant, rose dramatically last month to 962,000 from 680,000 in January. Last December, the scheme had supported 595,000

The support given by the scheme is limited to nine months, and once it runs out the jobs which it had maintained become vulnerable to redundancy.

The largest single group of redundancies announced last month involved British Ship-builders, where 2,600 em-ployees face losing their jobs. A further 1,200 redundancies were announced by Birmingham City Council, and 800 at the BL plant at Cowley.

REDUNDANCIES AND REDUCTIONS INVOLVING 100 OR MORE JOBS PUBLISHED DURING THE PAST MONTH Main Location(s) Brilish Shipbuilders Brimingham City Council BRD (GKN)

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trucks range for days of the bank approving it in only half the time the bank normally takes to clear loan **Europe** By Edward Townsend deals. The loan was granted on February 28, 1980, just six days after the New York Post endorsed former President

Ford today launches a new range of trucks for sale throughout Europe as part of its £125m investment programme in

tonne market and basic models include truck, ripper and arri-culated vehicles. The range will be produced at Ford's Langley plant near Slough at the rate of 200 a day. It is expected that 50 per cent of the output will be exported.

ing to increase its market share with its T45 series.

quiry the General Accounting Office, the "watchdog" of Congress, is also investigating the loan to see if part of it is Ford says its new truck is cheaper to run. Servicing time and noise levels are claimed to have been reduced by 50 per-cent, the cabs have low aerodynamic drag, and safety and comfort have been improved. The Cargo trucks would priced at less than five percent above the D-Series models. Ford's total European output of commercial vehicles last year was 206,366 of which 138,373 (67 per cent) were manufac-

four airliners built in the Eastern block and insured on The company said that apart from supplying Cargo trucks in kit form to a factory in Passenger deaths on westernbuilt aircraft totalled 745, com-Portugal it would not be sible to manufacture the trucks in "low cost" countries because of infrastructure prob-

the difference as the nineteenth century men were also known as engineers. Telford even ltad the word inscribed on his

It is my belief that the dif-ferent attitude stems from the anonymity of the work done by todays engineers. Telford has his name on his bridges. there is anything at all on the Severn Bridge it will almost certainly be the name of the

Basil Spence designed Coventry cathedral.

Another difficulty is that engineering is now so complex that even if the public knew. for instance, that I designed the first arc furnace transformers to have on load tap changing and to operate from 66,000 volts, it would mean nothing to most of them. Yet the same applies to scientists and they are at least respected, even if not as highly as solicitors and Could the BBC be persuaded

to do a similar series on moderu engineers? Yours faithfully, G. J. CAPLEN, 8 Avon Close,

From Mr Anthony Smallhorn

Sir, Anyone interested in the industrial future of this country must again view Michael Baily's article "Rough ride for the tilting train" (March 17) with the state of the train has been wasted away and train has been wasted away and train has been wasted away and the state of the train has been wasted away and the state of the train has been wasted away and train has been wasted away and the state of the train has been wasted away engineers, their ideas and projects will be easy picking for Miti or any other clear thinking nation, just as they were for Boeing after the cancellation of TSR-2. both seem destined to cruise Half-an-hour saved between London and Glasgow means no time saving at all on shorter, straighter lines. APT can

When will we ever learn. APT must succeed. More mone: must be found to make sure that the development succeeds Conventionally engineered fas. trains will not interest over seas markets. Lack of under standing of the total potential of this and other projects has meant that development times have become ridiculously pro-tracted. With the likelihood of f1,000m being spent on track electrification APT will be suited for more lines auc should be allowed to run a higher speeds. It is then fa

Without projects like these Great Britain has no long-tern industrial future and no in terest in the development o new technology. Yours faithfully. ANTHONY SMALLHORN.

Wravfield House, Storfold, Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG5 4NR.

Windfall profits tax on All sides agree that the present arrangements are unsatis-

banking and oil From Mr Mark Dunn Sir, Mr Keable-Elliott (Busi ness News Letters, March 19 has fallen into a facile intellec tual trap in seeking to justify "windfall profits taxes" by re-ferring to the plight of weaks: companies.

Of course there is a re-cession, and of course man manufacturing businesses ar in a bad way. Equally, the contribution to tax revenue will be reduced, and the Chancellor has to look else where to replace the resulting shortfall.

But this has got nothin whatever to do with the pri-ciple of confiscatory levies obusinesses which are relatively prosperous. There are those-and I an

one—who have very seriou doubts about the future abilit of many traditional British ir dustries to survive at all. Le alone recover to the point from which they can pull the conomy out of the 15-25 yes decline which is now coinciding with a world recession.

Under these circumstance to dip into the equity basis : strong businesses, in order transfuse subsidies into the ing and nearly dead is foll; And there is no commerci:

logic in such a policy.
The banking and oil sector
though not at a peak of fina
cial strength, do offer a sig post to the future. To impo damaging imposts upon th type of company reduces the strength of just the kind of business which we will depen on more than ever in

We live in a tough and or forgiving world. The sooner w learn to run with winners an cut out losers the better. Yours faithfully, MARK DUNN, 152 Walton Street.

Prices of publications

From Mr Nicholas Mason Sir, Further to Dr Thomas' adding "fuel to the flames" (Letters, March 23) about the inflated prices charged to Her

inflated prices charged to Her Majesty's Stathonery Office I would claim the record.

Dr Thomas's publication of 148 pages at £20 works out at approximately 13.5p per page. The Thefr Act, 1978, which occupies a mere three sides of print at £1, is valued at 33.2p per page. Thefr indeed I Yours faithfully.

NICHOLAS MASON NICHOLAS MASON. 28 North Villas. London NW1 9BL. March 24.

company. Of course the modern Curbs on British Telecom

Sir, One of the most damaging and least explicable features of

the Government's economic policy is the failure to distinguish between the public sector's current expenditure and productive investment. Financial needs for both are lumped into an arbitrarily constituted PSBR (public sector borrowing require-ment), with the result that a joint constraint aimed primarily at current outgoings actually hits useful developments, with ill effects all round. Nowhere is this more clearly illustrated than in telecommunications.

Telecommunications is both a public utility and a manufacturing sector of prime importance to the economy. It has ex-cellent prospects of continuing the volume growth and tech-nical development which it has long exhibited. The nationalized utility, British Telecom, is among the few leading admin-istrations, whether judged by size or by technical competence, while British manufacturers and research institutions are internationally recognized for their technical skills. One of the most bearrening sights, to a British citizen all too aware of our beleaguered economy, was the British presence at the last international. telecommunications exhibition (at Gen-eva in September, 1979), where the United Kingdom pavilion outshone all others in its working exhibits of well-designed modern products, achieved by the coordinated efforts of our

public sector and private sector

bodies. Here, surely, is a poten-tial winner if only we back it strongly enough,

It seems quite irrational that a profitable utility, growing at some 10 per cent per annum and simultaneously engaged in technological updating and ser-vice innovations, should have its borrowing powers restricted to one half per cent of assets. Yet such was the case for BT last year. This year's limit, though higher, is still only a small fraction of the necessary. ler alone the desirable, invest-

The average telephone user probably does not realize that BT's productivity has improved consistently for many years. He has heard of, even if nor suffered from, delays in provision: he knows that charges have recently risen. He may not be aware that the first deficiency is mainly due to under-investment and the second to the financing of nearly all capital expenditure from current revenue.

Let me explain briefly the investment in BT: (a) improvements in tele-communications services bene-fit the whole community and especially its commercial sec-

tor; (b) most of the money spent will provide work for the British capital goods industry; (c) expansion of the home-market base will strengthen British exports by keeping up momentum in technical de-momentum in technical de-velopment, by reducing unit costs and by providing a work-ing showcase for British pro-ducts; (d) such a programme

funds, but on the contrary should be an attractive investment with a good financial re-It is well known that the

Government intends to reduce the areas of BT monopoly and to open the supply of terminals and some services to private enterprise; and it might be thought that this is an alternative way of beinging figures to tive way of bringing finance to relecommunications. However, this is not so. Such new enterprise, however useful can sufply only a small fraction of the public's need for telecom-munications; moreover, most of them would be dependent in some way on the existence, and efficient operation, of the BT network. Thus there is no substitute for direct investment in the main public network Finally, it should be said that our industrial competitors

overseas do not subject them overseas do not subject them selves to such artificial shackles. The United States and Sweden, France and Japan all differ from the United Kingdom and from each other in the boundaries between public and private sectors, and in the degree of government the degree of government dirigisme. But they all succeed in adequately financing telecommunications both as public unity and as a manu facturing industry. We can, and should, do likewise. Yours faithfully,

K. W. CATTERMOLE, Professor of Telecommuni cations, Department of University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester CO4 3SQ.

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Mounting underwriting losses are commonplace in insurance these days and Prudential and Eagle Star duly produced two huge ones yesterday. What is usual, however, is that these losses are more than covered by growing investment income. In the case of Prudential they are not, which explains a 63 per cent fall to £42.5m in net profits, albeit there is the consolation of a 153 per cent increase in the gross dividend to 15.7p

What happened is not entirely clear. Broadly, though, while the Prudemial's life business moved majestically ahead during 1980 (premium income topped the £1,000m mark for the first time and profits from life operations increased by 22 per cent to £29.5m) real difficulties were being encountered in its general insurance acti-

Underwriting losses more than doubled to £33.9m. In no area or territory did the Prudential avoid losses and, to add to its discomfort, Mercantile and General Reinsurance, operating in a volatile business at



of Prudential Lord Carr, chairman Corporation.

the best of times, experienced a sharp downturn with underwriting losses rising from £4.1m to £12.4m in the face of overcapacity and rate-cutting in international reinsurance.

The fact that the Prudential-with investment income up by only £1m to £33.6m—was unable to offset underwriting losses meant that it had to rely on a tax credit of £2.8m to produce a profit at all from its general insurance side.

A case that a number of exceptional factors (notably harmonization of M and G accounting procedures which had the effect of knocking off £800,000 from investment income) and some perhaps unexceptional points (translation of overseas income into sterling and the effect on cash flow for investment of uderwriting losses) is the most optimistic route shareholders can take at this stage.

The doubt, naturally, is not whether the Prudential is anything other than sound (a five point improvement to 60 per cent in the solvency margin demonstrates that) but whether ideas of it being a growth stock within the sector should be temporarily shelved.

At 243p now, down 16p yesterday, the shares are yielding 6.5 per cent and giving away no premium against the life sector. The Prudential must show that it can restore the balance of its general business.

Indexed stock

Time to make a decision

Pension fund managers who have not already done so will have to make up their minds today at what level to pitch tenders for the index-linked Treasury stock that goes on offer tomorrow. Actuarial advice that has been flying around over the past few days suggests that bids ought to be pitched between 78 and 88, to produce a real rate of return of 3-4 per cent. How-ever, to find an actuary who believes that this is what will happen in practice is an entirely different matter.

So what are the arguments to justify bids at par or substantially above? The first, and in my opinion a foolish one, is that of "scarcity value". All the sgns are that this will not prove a unique stock.

The more fundamental argument for bidding up the price is that a portfolio can stand an element of potentially sub-standard return in exchange for the "certainty" of (real) return offered by the new stock. This is a reasonable argument, though whether the low risk premium should push the

yield much below 2 per cent is debatable.

Additionally, there is, of course, the fatalist approach. This says that real returns from conventional investments can no longer be looked upon even as probable. So anything that guarantees simply to maintain the real purchasing power of the investment should be grabbed, whether or not it offers an additional yield. My only comment on that would be that if we are sinking into a world of nil real returns over the long term, then one might reasonably doubt that the new stock itself will be redeemed in

The irony with this stock is that the tender takes place a week after the publication of figures showing a sharp upturn in the six monthly rate of inflation. One of the reasons, apparently, for holding back an index-linked issue last year was that the government wished to issue such a stock only when inflation was on the way down: it did not wish to lay itself open to the accusation that it was behaving irresponsibly.

As it is, potential tenderers are now bound to consider how much any deteriora-tion in inflationary expectations is likely to influence the price of the stock over the coming months. Theoretically, the stock could respond violently to any change in inflationary expectations that in turn affected the perception of an acceptable rate of real return. What potential investors might ask themselves, however, is how much in practice the stock would have moved last Friday on the announcement of a rather disappointing RPL

Berisford/British Sugar

Conditional go-ahead

It would have been easier for S. & W. Berisford if the Monopolies Commission had ruled clearly against its bid for British Sugar. For Berisford is now faced with several possibilities: it can press ahead with the bid, sell its stake, or less likely, do nothing. The decision will be governed by two considerations, the price and the Commission's conditions.

The conditions are far from insurmountable. Indeed, Berisford has already told the Commission in evidence that it would accept them, which puts the report's insistence on them in an interesting light and which makes it hard for Berisford not to proceed on these grounds. The only reservation is what exactly the Commission and the government understand by running BSC as a separate company. It is not Berisford's style to leave its subsidiaries to go their own way.

Price, however, will be the crux. If BSC's profits this year are £44m, and Berisford improves its bid by about 50 per cent to 330p a share, the exit p/e for BSC shareholders is 9.4, which is not wildly attractive. BSC is probably worth about 400p a share, and at almost 290p last night it is yielding some 5 per cent Berisford is about 112p. which is equivalent to 168p after adjusting for the capitalization issue, and yields nearer

At 330p a share Berisford would be paying about £200m for BSC. It is quite possible that BSC's shares will run up to this level, and there was heavy trading last night as speculators hoped for a Berisford bid. Obviously, Berisford could keep the market guessing, take profits, and look elsewhere.

But it is more likely that with BSC profits of £52m in sight next year Berisford will pitch in at 330p to 350p a share, hoping that it can thereby lure out the Government's 24 per cent holding.

Slough Estates is too solid to spring surprises and yesterday's news of 1980 pre-tax profits up by 13 per cent to £11.4m and the dividend 20 per cent higher left the shares 1p down at 151p, close to the 1980-81 peak. Rental income rose by 24 per cent to £19m in Britain though by only 6 per cent to £5.78m abroad, but pretax profits lagged because the cost of carrying land jumped from only £241,000 to £1.52m. Interest rates obviously took their toll at a time when development was slowing down to ensure, as the trading bulletin delicately put it, " a reasonable balance between supply and demand". However, too much should not be made of this since Slough still has plenty of industrial space and adding 350,000 sq ft or so a year. There has been no increase in the vacancy rate in the United Kingdom and, apart from some five-year reviews, the group has most of its United Kingdom industrial property rent reviewed every year. Profits should double or more in five years; rise to £13.5m this year and in general dvidends should continue to rise strongly as

Economic notebook

A cautionary

signs of recovery from the finincial and economic crisis that ancial and economic crisis that had hit it the previous year, President Herbert Hoover publicly declared: "I am convinced we have passed the worst." This was on the eve of the first American banking crisis which washard in the crisis, which ushered in the

It is a cautionary tale for those of a sangine disposition who are today boldly predicting that the recession in Britain has bottomed out.

Great Depression

The reasons why some recessions are quickly reversed and others deepen into depressions, like that of 1929-33 in the United States, are not clearly understood. Certainly, there is little hard evidence yet that the British economy has even temporarily stopped contracting. much less that we have reached the trough of the cycle or that recovery will be exper-ienced some time soon.

The optimism recently expressed by some Treasury economists, that the trough may have been reached, is based largely on what are known as the "cyclical indicators". These are four blocks or indi-cators, grouped according to whether their fluctuations precede changes in the economic cycle or whether they coincide with it, or lag behind it.

The leading group of indi-cators is subdivided into "longer leading" and "shorter leading" indicators.

The composite index of longer leading indicators (comprising short-term innerest rates, corporate financial assets, housing starts, share prices and Confederation of British Industry surveys of business optimism) has now been vising for some 15 months. In the past, this index has on average, pre-ceded an upturn in economic activity by about 15 months. This suggests that an upturn should occur about now. However, the index has on

occasion started to rise as much as 21 months before the economy has begun to recover. If this were to happen again, the recovery would not come before the late summer.

At the same time the index of "coincident indicators" (income, expenditure, output, retail sales, capacity use and changes in stocks of materials) is actually suggesting that the bottom of the recession was reached towards the end of last year. But it is clear that this year. But it is clear that this index has been distorted by the abnormally high level of retail business caused by the prolonged new year "sales" in the

Moreover, two of the com-ponent indicators in this group have not been included for several months, and their eventual inclusion could lead to substantial revisions to the coincident index. It all seems a flimsy basis

on which to make firm predic-tions, and, of course, none of these indicators takes account of the Budget measures. These, in spite of protestations to the contrary by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, must have a contractionary effect on the

economy.
It remains the view of Mr

On May 1, 1930, when the Lawson and his Treasury col-United States was showing leagues, that a gentle recovery signs of recovery from the fin- will be seen in the second buff of this year. Precisely how this will come about, when living standards and company invest-ment will be falling and ex-ports are desperately uncompetitive, remains unclear.
In a speech this week Mr

Lawson suggested that the re-Lawson suggested that the recovery could come from a
slowdown in the rate of destocking by companies, a fell in
the level of savings as inflation
drops and an uptorn in the
world economy.

It does seem quite possible
that there will be a slowdown
in the rate of destocking,
which during 1930 was unprecedented. But if the recovery rests on this alone, it

covery rests on this alone, it could easily prove a false dawn. Also whether individuals will be prepared to dig into their savings to support their living standards can only be a matter of guesswork. We have no post-

of guesswork. We have no post-war experience of the way, people behave when there are three million jobless.

Certainly, we cannot expect a recovery in world trade to rescue us, unless it is strong and sustained. British goods are now very uncompetitive in overseas markets and all the evidence suggests that in such circumstances our share of world trade in manufactures will fall in volume and that this could continue for several

We could, therefore, yet see a situation in which one of the few elements of demand in the economy to show an increase will be public exepnditure—a prospect that cannot be very appealing to the Government.

The reason why Mr Lawson and others at the Treasury believe that a boost to the economy must come from somewhere is that the "real" money supply will be growing. That is to say, the rate of inflation will drop below the Government's target growth for the money supply. Or, to put k in a different way, the money supply will grow faster than is necessary to accommodate the rise in prices, leaving room for some real growth in output dur-

ing 1981-82. The Government has a 5 per cent to 10 per cent target for money growth in the coming financial year, and the velocity of money is also tending to rise by about 1 per cent or 2 per cent a year on average. Against this, inflation is forecast to be down to 8 per cent by the second quarter of 1982. Accord-ing to this line of argument, there will thus be room for perhaps 2 per cent real growth

Such calculations represent nonetarist "fine tuning" of a

high order.

If inflation proves to be a couple of points higher than forecast the perdicted growth will presumably disappear like the morning mist. On the other hand, if the monetary target were taised by, say, 4 percen-tage points, we could perhaps ensure real growth of 6 per CERT

Is there any limit to this wonderous process? Perhaps the Government has at last found the formula for growth in our time.

Melvyn Westlake

CYCLICAL INDICATORS Composite Indices of Indicator groups. January 1975 = 100 (Mari (May) (Feb (May) (Aug) 1967 1969 1972 1973 1975 120 110 Longer leading T=Trough P=Peak 100 L

Industrial action and politics-where is the dividing line?

The controversy involving dustrial action taken for a premembers of the National and dominantly political purpose ployers and union branches
Local Government Officers was not in furtherance of a which are becoming increase.

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the Government in its review of strikes taken for a purely poli- and balances which underpins

public sector.

Events in the London boroughs of Camden and Lamberh illustrate the position. The councils are Labour controlled councils are Labour-controlled and strongly opposed to the Conservative policy of selling council homes. Their opposition is shared by Nalgo which represents white employees responsible for handling applications for purchase by council tenents. The union members concerued have been authorized (but not instructed) to "black" the relevant work and this action has been approved by the union's Emergency Committee at national

gency Committee at national Officially, the reason given by

the union branches for the blacking is the refusal by the management of its demand for extra staff to be taken on to handle the council house sales. It is difficult to believe, how-It is difficult to believe, however, that the action of the union branches concerned is not motivated to some extent by political considerations; yet, by adopting or annexing the wocabulary of a staffing dispute, the union thereby cloaks staff with the immunity from legal action available to individuals who act "in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute." furtherance of a trade dispute? The meaning of this much-lingated formula has been the subject of a series of celebrated cases in the last two years. One of these arose out of the blacking of a ship called the Nawala, where the lawfulness of political strikes was directly in issue. The House of Lords eventually decided that, provided a dispute was to some extent connected with legitimate employment matters, then it was immaterial than it was also partly or even predominantly subject of a series of celebrated

extraneous purpose.

This decision overturaed an early decision of Lord Denning in the Court of Appeal that in-

partly or even predominantly motivated by some political or

trade union law reform. In tical purpose, it is very easy particular, this rector refeats for a union (whether acting in the inadequacy of the present good faith or not) to dress up law to curtail industrial action a political dispute in the guise taken to promote political of a trade dispute. The result purposes and it also raises is that in practice a union apprehensions about the opera-which goes about its finsiness tion of the closed shop in the in the right way has virtually a public sector. trial action for a political purpose, the only exception being if the attendant trade dispute as

In practice, it would be awk-ward for a court to disentantle the parious elements in a dis-

In practice, a union ... has virtually a free hand in promoting industrial action for a political purpose?

pute and decide which of them was predominant. This diffi-culty notwithstanding, there is much support for a change in the law restricting protection only to those disputes con-nected wholly or mainly?

with compleyment matters.

A second cause for concern—wide immunity, for causing is the ability of a union breach. Dreaches of contracts in further to promote political blatkings ance of trade disputes, or strikes by means of the This incipient distinction closed shop, such as exists in between the public and private Camden but not in Lambeth. A sectors in defining the limits particular feature of closest on have Camden but not in Lambeth. A particular feature of closed shops in the public sector is that in the past they have usually been introduced by means of a formally negotiated agreement between the unions and the employing authority. This may happen over the heads and contrary to the wishes of some of the employees concerned it is significant that almost all the wellfrom that almost all the well-known cases in which people have lost their jobs as a result of closed shop agreements have been in the public sector. The danger of closed shops in the public sector is that they allow for an unholy alliance.

constitutional freedom. notwithstanding, the closed shop largely allows the union to override the conscientious objection of individuals to tak-

ing part in politically motivated industrial action. . If the tradition of an independent bureaucracy is to be main-tained, there is a strong case for making the closed shop altogether unlawful where the employer is a politically elected

body.

A third and final aspect of the matter relates to the short-comings of the special provi-sions in last year's Employment Act putting some limit on the immunity for industrial action. These measures are confined to the disruption of commercial contracts existing between businesses, and therefore have little effect on public bodies such as local authorities, which are not primarily trading concerns. Their relationship with the public does not depend upon business contracts but upon a series ness contracts but upon a series of statutory duties imposed by

Thanks to yet other decisions of Lord Denning in the Court of Appeal: there appears at the moment to be no immunity at all for individuals who use unfawful means to procure a breach of statutory duty. By-

lawful may very well be a sign-post for the future.

Be that as it may the pre-sent Court of Appeal decision would have the effect of making almost any form of industrial action in the public sector unlawful, which is a wholly unrealistic position for the courts to maintain. For this reason alone, the Government may be obliged to review the position in its current round of talks on the Green Paner of talks on the Green Paper on trade union immunities and to clarify the position by statute.

Brian Capstick

Spotted dog specialist wanted

Los Angeles

True Brit, a lively tabloid monthly which exters to the 350,000 Britons who now call couthern California home, re-cemby carried a story which asked, "Are you looking for a green card?".

The green card is the much foreigners to live and work in America with no resistance.

The newspaper then suggested that Brieden intent on staying here should brash up on their bubble and squeak trips and onlines and spotted dog. The United States Labour Department, the publication explained, "is anxious to give work permits to aliens from any part of the world who qualify as ethnic food cooks".

The United States Immigrated and any part of the world who could be a supermental to the control of t The United States Immigration and Naturalization Service has not, as yet, been bombarded with applications from the cream of Stritain's culmary world. But in the last few months there has been a remarkable increase in the number of skilled Britons in a variety of other specialties who have set their sights on America and particularly on a place in the southern California sun.

place in the southern California sun.

"Brain drains" have always had their ebbs and flows, says Mr Richard Fozade, a Beverly Hills lawyer who specializes in immigration and consular matters. He says that America has rewritten the immortal words on the Statue of Liberty.

"No longer do they want the poor, tired and huddled masses ... Instead, it's the

Ivor Davis

skilled, the trained and talented, he says. Mr Prasde recently opened trained and a London office run by his brother Robert to cope with the increase in traffic.

He says there is a new rush of middle class, shifled work as from Britain to fill a saniety of jobs in banks, insurance. offices, computer companies, hospitals and serospace factor les in America Recessive the Northrop Cor-poration, one of the largest serospace companies in Cali-forms, found itself picketed by

American acrospace lengineers. who claimed that they were los \$35.00 ing jobs because the company year, was hiring scores of skilled "C Brirish engineers at lower sat tive to these people" Mc

temporary visas to take the well paid, skilled jobs." Mr Al Strong, president in the country.

firm Commercial Programming Services, makes frequent trips to London to recruit skilled workers. Recently, he said one California, insurance company needed half a dozen data processors. They couldn't find them in the United States so they sent me to England. I saw.

of the Los Angeles headhunting

them."
After 8 year they are supposed to go home but in many cases they want to stay and that is wifer we call in an

immigration lawyer to ger them their green cards.

Companies like Cybrettek Corporation of Culver City hire data processors at salaries ranging from 525,000 to \$35,000 (£10,870 to £15,200) a

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British engineers at lower sale live to these people. Mr

The English engineers got their work permits through the sets out to help them step by step through the complicated entry process.

"It's a kind of bracero programme for Britons" he says. "In bygone years it was unskilled Mexican workers who were shipped into California by the hundreds on remporary work permits to pick lettince and grapes. Now the British immigration law and associated fields like tax and investment temporary visas to take the well guidance has become one of

fields like tax and investment guidance has become one of the fastest growing specializies

Business Diary: I thee wed (subject to contract)

and leftie badge mongers. . . .

The approaching nuptials of Prince Charles are being celebrated by Central Books, a London bookshop carrying a wide selection of books by V. J. Lenin, with a badge (below) in royal purple, admonishing Don't do it, Di ! ".

This will cost Carlophobes 15p a time. For about £4,999.85 more, you may also be able to secure from Sotheby's on



Monday fortuight what the auctioneers say is the earliest known marriage contract be-tween a Prince of Wales and

The contract, which could be subtitled "Do do it, Phil!", is from 1326 and is between Prince Edward, later King Edward III, and Philippa, daughter of Count William of Contract, a spokesman for Prince's contract, which could be rears from now Sotheby's will be knocking down a similar momento of the present Prince's union. Asked whether the prince of Count William of Contract, a spokesman for Prince's contract, and the prince of Count William of Count Contract, and the prince of Count William of Countract, and the prince of Countract, and

Under its terms Edward pro"No, apparently not. Nothing
mised to secure papal dispensalike that at all."

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The money stayed in the family, for Edward and Philippa were married in time—when he was 16 and she 14. She proved to be a devoted wife, he a wandering husband. We owe the survival of the contract to a Philipps—not a member of Prince Charles's hrother-in-law's family, but to

the nineteenth century collector Sir Thomas Philipps. The Sotheby's sale, which is likely to be handled by Lord John Kerr, head of the books department, is of manuscripts now owned by the family trust of the book dealers Philip and Lionel Robinson.

Lord John told me yesterday that the contract is in the cara-logue as expected to fetch be-tween £3,000 and £5,000.

The catalogue was printed before the marriage was announced", he said. Prices as a rule aren't affected by extraneous things which happen at the same time." It does not look as if 655 years from now Sotheby's will contract, a spokesman for Prince Charles said yesterday:

• Sir Charles Ball, 57, is not so much a poacher turned gamekeeper as a game-keeper turned squire. After years of telling company chairmen how to avoid takeovers he is for the first time becoming a chairman

On July 1 he is to take over the top job at Telephone Rentals, the group that rents and sells loudspeaker telephones and other electronic gadgetry, from 67-year-old Eric Cooper, who started with the group as a salesman in 1936.

The succession shows that if there is no love in business at least there is keyalty. Sir Charles, as a director of Kleia-wort Benson, told Cooper how to avoid being taken over by GEC in 1966. The chairman-elect has directorships, arising from his Kleinwort days, at Tunnel Holdings, the cement group

Wallchart

THIS IS THE TIME WHEN 1 ALWAYS

= REFLECT....

outside the company. The engineering side will be left to a Telephone Rentals vereran. Bob Sly, who becomes chief executive. Best wishes to oilman Algy Cluff on his acquisition of *The* Spectator—but also a niggle. The current issue of this estimable organ carries an article by Edward Norman, ecclesiastical historian and Dean of Peter-

house, Cambridge, This is a snifty review of a

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Docks and Sun Alliance.
Ar Telephone Rentals Sir
Charles will concentrate on the
group's relations with the world

now busy trying to fend off Thos W. Ward, and at Rock-ware Group, the glass people, Peacley, British Transport judgment, in fact, rests upon fastened less on this world some sadly familiar propaganda than on the next.

But not so those of the editor Dr Norman's opening sentence, however, reads: "This book is the result of The Times strike", in that Nichols had a year's leisure in which to research his work.

search his work.

But, Dr Norman, the year in question saw not a strike but a lock-out. No "propaganda depiction" is sadder or more tamiliar to journalists of The Times than this and, while I am resigned to hearing it parroted by the ill-informed, it grates when repeated by an academic in the course of marking down a col-

course of marking down a col-The Dean of Peterhouse may be excused such a lapse. His recreation, after all, is "watching television"—not perhaps the best window in the world; book on the modern papacy by not colleague. Peter Nichols, which under the title "Misunderstanding Rome" says of our Rome correspondent: "His may be that his eyes are



But not so those of the editor

But not so those of the editor of The Spectator, Alexander Chancellor, During the lock-out he published pieces by Times journalists—Nathols included—thus saving them from several constipution.

Then, and later, Chancellor offered a running commentary on what he thought was important to the chancellor offered a running transmentary on what he thought was important to the chancellor offered a running transmentary on what he thought was important which carries Dr Norman's which carries Dr Norman effusion there is an article on The Times by Paul Johnson, as well as another by Christopher Booker on "The art of book reviewing ".

With all these temporal sages about, why was it not possible to keep the unworldly Dr Nor-man from the path of error? If there is any more of this sort of thing The Specialty, I shall call down upon the mass-rine the Course of Davies. This does not mean cancelling The Speciator, for that I could never It means writing for the thing I did so for two maga-

zives, Panache and Books & Bookmen, both of which promptly folded. During the The Pope's Divisions: The Roman Catholic Church Today, by Peter Nichols, Faber and Faber, 510. Ross Davies

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Manufacturers of factory glazed aluminium windows for railway coaches, motor rehicles, the building industry and for caravans:

Preliminary results for 1980

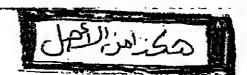
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Turnover	19,606	17,431	19,606
Profit before tax	685	161	605
Earnings per share (net	11.0p	1.80	- 9.2p
Dividend cover	3.7	1.0	3.1

● Final dividend of 2p per share (1979 – 1p) making 3p for year (1979 - 1.75p)

Proposed capitalisation issue of 1 for 5

• 1981 - The Group has made a good start

Copies of the 1980 Report and Accounts will be available from the Secretary, Percy Lane Group Ltd., 83 Colmore Row. Brodesbaue B3 2AP after 16 April 1981



Insurances tumble after Prudential results

strong advance the pace slowed in equities yesterday as light profit taking developed. recorded falls and jobbers were shares fell 16p to 242p with busy mopping up stock which had been in short supply. Once again early morning trade was The falls might have been led by the overnight setback on Wall St where the Dow Jones slipped below the 1,000 level. Worries persisted over the deteriorating situation in

As a result the FT Index closed 4.3 lower at 507.4 having

been 4.5 off at 3 pm.

Shortages of stock again provided building shares with further impetus white the higher bullion price saw further activity in gold shares. But oils come in for a shake out follow-ing overnight selling of oil shares on Wall St.

The long list of trading state-

ments kept dealers busy, espe-cially in the insurance market where several disappointing results sent prices tumbling. With conditions tight in the money market yesterday jobbers reported further persistent selling of Government secur-Institutions were still ready to take profits in order to raise cash for application of the new index-linked stock

which starts today.

Prices in longs closed with falls of between £2 to £1, while at the shorter end the falls were kept to within £1:16 to £1.

Dunlop up 2p at 80p was the main feature in leading industrials, following an exchange of 121.2m shares between Pegi International and Goodyield Plora at around 30p. But dealers did not think a full-scale bid would take place. Elsewhere, fulls predomin-ated, with ICI 2p lower at 236p. Beechams 3p at 174p, Glaxo 4p to 294p. Unilever 7p to 496p, Fisons 3p to 155p, Bowater 6p to 224p and BOC International and GKN both 1p lower at 121p and 1460 respectively. Only Lucas Industries, reporting later today, bucked the trend by advancing bp to 174p.

The profits shortfall at Pru-

requiries yesterday as light day of 17p. The full-year rofit taking developed.

Prices in most major sectors

less than impressive and the

In the meantime, the rest of the sector dipped in sympathy with falls in GRE 4p to 314p, Royal 5p to 378p and General Accident 6p to 332p.

heavier but for the increased

dividend.

In banks the major clearers seemed unconcerned by the escalating strike by clerical staff with Barclays adding 2p to 380p, Midland 8p to 318p, Lloyds 3p to 323p and National Westminster unchanged at 348p. Talk of better terms from Standard & Chartered, up 3p at 657p, saw Royal Bank of Scotland jump 10p to 140p. In merchant banks Berkeley Hambro advanced 8p to 250p along with Kleinwort Beason 8p to 272p both ahead of figures to-

An £8m cash call to shareholders clipped 1!p from County & New Town Properties at 64!p while full-year figures

After Tuesday evening's the price sharply lower at 242p, had Slough Estates 1p lower rong advance the pace slowed after 239p; a net fall on the at 151p. Falls of 1p and 2p equities yesterday as light day of 17p. The full-year were also seen in MEPC at 241p, Land Securities at 417p, Gt Portland at 252p and Haselmere Estates at 412p.

Better than expected trading statements gave a fillip to Arthur Bell, 6p to 176p, Sirdar, 4p to 163p, Church & Co 7p to 165p, Percy Lane 9p to 39p, Metal Closures 12p to 111p and Rockware 5p to 65p.

Persistent buyers of Rothmans International have sent the shares to a new high of 55p, on any combination of three rumours: a property revalua-tion, a deal with BAT, or one with Grand Metropolitan over Liggett's tobacco interests. Rothmans says: "We don't know why the shares are going up". For a market normally between 50,000 and 100,000 shares, busing orders have gone in at an average of 100,000 and higher. The shares closed last night at 542p.

But disappointing news hit Armstrong Equipment 21p to 421p, Bestobell 2p to 372p and

130 from United Newspapers at 190p and 8p from Watmoughs at 195p. Textiles had a firm session

buoyed on by improved perforfances from A. Beckman up 3p ar 67p, British Mohair up 5p at 40p and Wilkinson Warburton up 10p at 72p. The Monopolies Commission's

go-ahead for a full bid for British Sugar was greeted cau-tiously with British Sugar ris-ing 21p to 286p while S & W Berisford closed 4p easier at

Trusthouse Forte drifted 1p

Trusthouse Forte drifted 1p to 213p but Savoy 'A' still awaiting further developments was wanted 5p higher at 178p. R. Pratt climbed 4p to 109p on news that the 600 Group, up 1p at 78p, had increased its stake to 27 per cent. Wolverhampton Steam Laundry ended to dearer at 38p on recent news 6p dearer at 38p on recent news that Concourt had taken a 20 per cent stake.

Garton Engineering 4p to a new Shortages of stock again benefited builders with Blue Still benefiting from recent Circle 4p dearer at 408p, Red trading statements, Highgate land 4p to 180p. London Brick & Optical expanded 4p to 23p lp to 79p. and EPE 1p to 279p. but Ricardo Engineering Consultants continued to fall 63p after news of a film disposal to 490p. Profit taking wiped 9p and profit taking clipped 9p and profit taking clipped 9p from Stothert & Pitt at 101p, from Barratt Developments at 238p and Wilson Connolly 7p

> Electricals were easier with more stock coming on offer. GEC slipped 2p to 668p, Racal 2p to 367p, Piessey 5p to 311p and Standard Telephone & Cables 3p to 494p. Among second liners. Farnell eased 5p to 392p but Normand Electrical edged ahead 2p to 26pt

Stores closed mixed although gains were seen in Debenhams 1p to 88p. J. Hepworth 1p to 114p. Boots 3p to 240p and British Home Stores 1p to 158p. Oil shares saw heavy selling following the weakness of oil shares in New York overnight. BP fell 10p to 374p, Shell sp to 384p, Ultramar 7p to 483p, Tricectrol 8p to 290p and Burmah for to 165p. Lasme, which re-6p to 165p. Lasmo, which re-ported earlier in the week, was also badly hit, dropping 27p to 592p.

A disappointing drilling re-port cut 6p from Premier Con-solidated at 100p as London United Investments, also with a sizable stake in the project tumbled 18p to 185p.

Berkeley Exploration closed 5p cheaper at 290p and KCA International 3p at 188p.

Equity turnover for March 24 was £167.849m (bargains 27,902). Active stocks according to the Exchange Telegraph were Lasmo, GEC, Shell, Ultramar, BP, GKN, Cons Gold Field and IC Gas.

Traditional options: Dealers reported quieter conditions yes-terday. Calls were made in Dunlop, Keith Collins Pers, French Kier, William Press at 31p Burmah at 152p and British Car Auction at 7p. A put was arranged in Boots at 13p. Traded options: A total of

1,632 contracts were recorded. Racal attracted 190, Shell 10, M & S 93, Land Securities 87 and Lonrho 114.

Latest results

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	Int or Fin'	_£m	£m	Earnings	Div	Pav	Year's
•	Соправу	Sales	Profits	per share	pence	date	total
•	A. C. Cars (F)	4.13(3.65)	0.14*(0.11*)	0.8(5.48)	NI[(0.14)	-	NB(0.14)
)	Armstrong (I)	48.8(5G.8)	0.74(4.38)	0.8(5.48)	0.55(1.01)	22/5	-(2.73)
	A. Beckman (1)	6.37(7.24)	0.69(0.62)	3.8(2.82)	1.95(1.95)	25/5	-(-)
•	Arthur Bell (1)	137.5(112.8)	9.7(9.2)	15.6(14.8)	2.33(2.12)	7/5	-(6.0)
	Bestobell (F)	119.1(106.0)	7.72(6.42)	-{-}	7.1(6.5)	3/6	12.25(11.0)
	Brit, Mohair (F)	25,19(25,5)	0.22(1.5)	33.03(8.9)	2.8(-)	13/3	3.77(3.77)
	R. Cartwright (F)	8.7(8.8)	0.18(1.1)	4.51(18.08)	2.0(-)	15/5	3.0(4.62)
	Church & Co. (F)	33,24(29.3)	1.96(3.1)	28.6(50.8)	5.5(5.0)	10/4	8.0(7.5)
	City of Aberdeen (1)		0.23(0.75)	-(-)	4.25(3.18)	14/4	13+(10.91)
	Clifford's Dairies (F)	49.4(41.6)	2.15(2.27)	21.9(17.2)	2.75(-)	22/5	4.013.01
	Compco Hidgs (I)	-(-)	0,16(0.13)	3.6(4.11)	-(-)	_	-(-1
	Eagle Star (F)	664.2(572.5)	65.9(64.3)	-(-)	5.5(4.8)	15/1	10.5(9.0)
	Fine Forge (F)	8.27(6.91)	0.5(0.26)	16.41(13.1)	3.01-1	30/4	4.0(3.3)
	Garton (R)	10.9(12.9)	0.12(0.96)	3.22(23.5)	1.0(3.5)	1/7	4.15(6.65)
•	Pency Lane (F)	19.6(17.4)	0.68(0.16)	11.0(1.8)	2.0(1.0)	1/6	3(1.75)
	Mctal Closures (F)	65.6(62.3)	5.5(3.8)	16.9(20.4)	3.2(3.2)	_	5.4(5.4)
	Prodential (F)	—(—)	42.5±(45.6±)	14.2(15.3)	8(6)	_	11(9.5)
	Rockware (F)	170(143)	0.47(5.18)	0,29(20.2)	2,10(4.32)	_	2.10(6.65)
	Roferk (F)	19.8(19.18)	2.87(3.18)	9.8(8.1)	1.1(-)	_	2.2(2.0)
	Sirdar (1)	14,3(12.02)	2.3(1.6)	11.1(8.6)	2.7(2.0)	19:3	-(5.0)
	Silkofene (F)	-1-}	0.86(1.07)	14.1(19.5)	3.95(-)	14/5	5.3(5.0)
	Slough Est. (F)	-(-)	11.4(10.1)	7.13(5.6)	1.66(1.4)	26/5	2.76(2.3)
	W'son Warburton (F)	24.5(23.4)	0.7(0.57)	44.05(15.77)	4.35(-1	2/5	6,29(6,29)
	Wolstenholfe (F)	14.6(15.5)	1.13(2.06)	15.18(26.1)	3.25(-)	_	5.75(3.75)
	Dividends in this tabl	e are shown net	of tax on penci	e per share. El	sewhere in Busin	ess Nev	vs dividends
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Redundancy and interest costs hit Rockware

Arthur Bell tops forecasts with interim rise to £9.7m

Arthur Bell and Sons, the Perthshire distiller, exceeded market expectations with its in-terim results, pushing the shares up by 6p to 176p.

Pretax profits for the six months to December 31 were 69.7m, a 6.4 per cent improvement on last year's £9.2m. Turnover rose from £112.8m to £127.5m, Although volume was greater than during the same period in 1979, overall 1980 sales were depressed by the

dute increases in April.

"Industry sales volume showed a 5 per cent decrease over 1979. Unfortunately this did not deter the Chancellor of the Exchequer from applying a further duty increase this month," Mr Raymond Miquel,

the chairman, said.

Export sales were £1.5m ahead of last year at £129m while the scotch whisky division as a whole improved sales from £101.5m to £127.3m, and produced profits of £10.3m against £8.3m. The glass container opera-tion, which cost £380,000 in



Mr Raymond Miquel, chairman of Arthur Bell and Sons, Year end.

voluntary redundancies, lost been increased from 3.02p £560,000 compared with preax 3.3p gross and Bell is als profit of £871,000 while its making a one-for-two scri turnover dipped fractionally to £12,4m. Mr Miquel pointed out that this was a result of a fall in demand for glass containers common to the rest of the in-

into profit by the year en-because of the increase demand in the summer for sof

Towmaster Transport in proved its contribution from £11,000 to £70,000 but the resu was coupled with a warnin that full-year profits would b modest unless there is a improvement in the haulag industry rates as operation

costs are rising sharply. Interest charges rose from 51.6m to 52.7m but the benefit. of last year's rights issue, which was 75 per cent taken up h the underwriters, should hel

The interim dividend ha

issue. Indications are that grow pretax profit for the second ha ommon to the rest of the incommon to the rest of the inflat bome demand had falls
But he added that the diviBut he added that the divi-

Profits dip to £5.5m at Metal Closures

By Our Financial Staff Record overseas earnings at Meral Closures, the packaging manufacturers, prevented s sharp fall in profits last year Even so pretex profits slipped by 5 per cent from £5.8m to £5.5m in the 12 months to December 31, while turnover rose slightly from £62.3m to £65.6m.

The 77 per cent-owned South African subsidiary was the main contributor to the overseas performance, producing a 56 per cent improvement at the balf-way stage to £900,000. But United Kingdom profits were severely depressed by the drastic reduction in consumer de-mand which accelerated as the year syent on.

Mr John Boden, the chairman, said: "As yet, there are no signs of any improvement. The order book continues low and erratic, and with the Budget baying imposed additional restrictions on consumer spend-ing. United Kingdom profits will be under still further pressure.

The group made 400 of its 3,000 workforce redundant during the year and the poor sum-mer was another blow for the drink menufacturing side.

The final dividend has been maintained at 4.57p gross, which with the interim gives the same total as last year at

Underwriting losses soar at Eagle Star

By Richard Allen Insurance Correspondent

A sharp increase in industrial injury claims has produced spiraling underwriting losses at Eagle Star, Britain's biggest

insurer of employers' liability. The group's total loss on general insurance leapt from \$18.8m to £32.5m last year and even this figure was struck after the group bad drawn £10m from its catastrophe reserve.

Despite the underwriting set-back, Eagle Star managed a slight increase in pretax pro-fits from £64.3m to £65.9m, thanks largely to a rise of almost a quarter to £74m in investment income. The group is paying a final dividend of 7.86p gross, taking the total for the year up by almost 17 per cent to 15p gross.

The outcome disappointed the market, which had already been

shaken by poor results fro Prudential Corporation, at Eagle's share price fell 16p

A spokesman said last nighthat the huge underwriting he had been struck after the ground had increased its special r serve to cover industrial li bility claims by £36m to £1571 He said that the account had suffered from teuse competition restricti premium growth and the effect on claims costs of the rect

Lack of available jobs h. meant that workers injured one form of employment counor be offered lighter duti elsewhere with a conseque rise in claims for loss of ear ings. Eagle Star is also bein hit by increasing claims for i dustrial deafness, sometimes c policies dating back more than 20 years.

Duport preparing circular

By Philip Robinson

A circular outlining the principal changes to troubled Midlands group Duport is likely to go out to shareholders early next week. The group is pulling out of steelmaking by closing its South Wales interests and selling associated steel operations to the British Steel Corporation for around £23m.

The circular, virtually a prospectus to have the shares requoted after they were sus-pended at 12p a month ago

will show the structure Duport without steel. It w also detail the agreementyet unsigned-with BSC, give trading statement and announ the future position of the co pany.

Bur it will contain no deta of the rumoured capital rec struction of the group-n left with Grovewood Kitche Slumberland beds, Swish citains and Bridgetown indi

marketing operation of BP Oil fell from £155m to £72m in 1980; and on a current cost basis show a £73m loss. The of £5.6m pretax last month, Rockware is the second largest current cost loss in 1979 was

Sales and operating revenue In 1980 totalled £3,396m against £2,707m. In the last quarter of 1980, the United Kingdom operations were making a bistoric, as well as a current, cost loss, and the 1981 outlook

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BP Oil profits in

UK fall to £72m

By Our Financial Staff

Redundancy costs and soaring interest charges wiped out
most of Rockware Group's
profits im 1980, leaving only
£472,000 pretax compared with
a £5.2m profit in 1979.
After United Glass, which
reported is turnround to losses
of £5.5m pretay last month Operating profits of the United Kingdom refining and

Demand flor glass containers collapsed from last April onwards as customers destocked.
Group turnoper rose by 19 per
cent to £169.8m but volume in
the glass division fell about 9 is " gloomy", thanks to lower industrial demand, surplus re-fining capacity and intensified per cent with supplies to the wines and spirits industry

Mr John Craigie, chairman, said that he thought the worst was over but he saw little sign of improved demand. However, he expected Rockware to bene-By Peter Wilson-Smith Redundancy costs and soarfit in 1981 from cost-savings and lower interest rates. He did not expect further massive

Poor results and losses in the Poor results and losses in the second half had been expected after the warning which accompanied a recovery in first-half profits from £1.2m to £3.5m pretax. But Rockware is paying a small final dividend and the shares rose 5p to 65p yesterday. The 3p gross dividend—the interim was passed—compares with 9.5p in 1979.

Redundancies of 1,500—about one fifth of its United Kingdom workforce—cost Rockglass container maker in the country with about 30 per cent of the market.

ware £3m in exceptional items covered from losses of £821,000

—£2 more than in the previous to an £89,000 profit, although

profits before interest but after redundancy costs showed the glass division down from £5.9m to £4.4m. This side bore most the redundancies and the steeply rising costs were not covered by price rises. Rock-ware is now putting through an 8 per cent price rise.

The drop in plastics from \$2.5m to £1.1m was mainly due to a £1m downtown at Alida the flexible packaging com-pany—and a small overseas loss. The plastic bottle com-panies held up relatively well in spite of lower demand. The Kingdom workforce-cost Rock- small engineering division re-

the trend deteriorated in the record half. Interest charges were nearly

doubled from £2.7m to £5.3m, reflecting higher working capital needs during the year as stocks rose. Rockware reduced stock levels towards the end of the year but borrowings at the year-end were still about £10m higher at £39m compared with shareholders' funds of £61m. Capital spending in 1980 was cut back to below the previous year's £20.4m.

After tax, dividends and other costs, Rockware made a net loss for 1980 of £531,000 compared with a £1.7m profit.

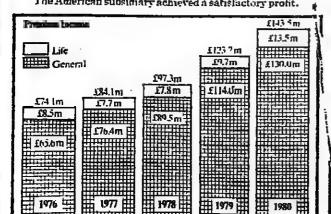
Cornhill Insurance Group 1980 Results

	1980	1979
Premium Income	£000	£000
Fire and accident	126,237	110,234
Marine, aviation and transport	3,747	3,747
General business	129,984	113,981
Life	13,508	9,734
i	143,492	123,715
Profits Underwriting results:		
Fire and accident	(4,452)	(5,501)
Marine, aviation and tramsport	(1,120)	` (662)
	(5,572)	(6,163)
Investment income	14,914	12,437
Shareholders' life profits	100	75
Other income	195	163
Share of associated company result	(333)	_
Profit before taxation	9,304	6,51.2

In a year of keen competition, and in the face of inflations. and a deepening economic recession. Cornhill achieved, a pre-tax profit of £9.3m. General husiness premiums

increased by 14% to just under £13mm. United Kingdom. There was a creditable recovery in 1580 from the weather affected result of 1979. The Motor account benefited from a lower claims frequency but inflationary pressures resulted in an underwriting loss for the year. Although the Household account improved, the overall Property account continued to show a significant underwriting loss. Underwriting profits were achieved in

the other classes of business. Overseas. Poor results were experienced in Canada. News Zealand, and by the Group's associated company in Australia. The American subsidiary achieved a satisfactory profit.



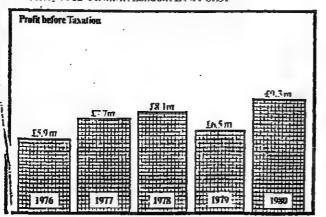
Marine & Aviation. Severe casualties and overcapacity in the market resulted in the need for substantial transfers to

Life. Further growth was achieved with new annual premiums exceeding £2.7m, an increase of 35% over 1979. Financial. The Group's solvency ratio at the year end on a

market value basis was 54"...

Outlook. In the U.K., economic problems will continue to affect insurance production and increase competition.

Overseas, there is little sign that the problems of 1980 are easing. Despite the challenges of 1981 the Group is hopeful it will continue its progress and that the welcome recovery evidenced in 1980 will be maintained.
Copies of the Report & Accounts may be obtained from the
Secretary at 32 Carabill, London, ECSV 31.1.



Cornhill Insurance Group

Briefly

operators, Hughes and Hughes of Texas, and of Minister of Mines for the State of Western Austra-lia have not yet been obtained in connection with Hampton's pur-chase of the 3.5 per cent interest in West Australian oil and gas In West Australian oil and gas exploration permit EP 100.
Compto Holdings: Pretax profit for Iralf year to September 25, 1980 £162,000 (£128,000). EPS 3.5p (4.11p). Board expects a similar performance for second half year. Newbold and Burton Holdings: Mr V. F. Burton, chalrman told annual meeting that although order books are lower than normal at two of erom's four companies. at two of group's four companies, and while margins remain very tight, all companys are currently operating profitably.

West Hampshire Water: Offer for sale by render of £2m 8 per cent redeemable preference stock 1986. Minimum price of issue £102 per cent. Amount of stock applied for was £5.74m. Lowest price to obtain a partial allogment was £102.25. Kean and Scott: Newsam Livest-

Kean and Scott: Newsam Invest-ments have an interest in 331,500 shares (8.77 per cent). Jamaica Sugar Estates: Offer by Mr Nicholas de Savary has become unconditional. Offer accepted in respect of 22,577 shares (0.7 per cent) which with shares held by him and his associates amount to 1.62m shares (50.1 per cent). Wojstenboline Rink: Turnover to 1.62m shares (S&1 per cent).

Wolstenbolme Rink i Turnover
for 1980 £14.66m (£15.52m), Pretax profit £1.13m (£2.06m). EPS
15.18p (£6.1p). Dividend total
5.75n net (same).
Clifford's Dalries: Turnover for
1980 £49.5m (£41.63m). Pre-tax
profit £2.12m (£2.27m). EPS
21.9gp (*7.22p). Dividend 4.0p
(3.0p) net. Lca pre-tax profit
£1.71m (£1.86m).

Dares Estates has erchanged con-

Dares Estates has erchanged con-ditional contracts for acquisition by alifornia subsidiary Dares Realty of whole of issued share capital of, and certain loan notes issued by North San Diego Land Inc. a California corporation, for STR 532

S878.6.39.

Negretti and Zambra: Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation yesterday acquired 40,000 ordinary shares in Negretti at 24/p. ICFC, an associate of Negretti intends to assent these shares to the ofter from Western Sciendfic Investments.

Wilkinson Warburton: Sales 524.5m for 1980 (523.4m). Pre-tex profit 5719.504 (5879,000). Dividend held at 8.93p gross. EPS 44.05p (15.77p).

Fife Forge: Turnover for 1980

£8.27m (£6.91m). Pretax profit

£502,500 (£269,000). Eps 16.41p

(13.70p). Dividend 5.71p gross (4.7p gross). Cca presax

A Beckman: Pretay profits for half year to Dec 31, 1980, up from £526,000 to £695,000 on turnover the the from £7.24m to £6.37m. Parings Minley & Exploration : has paid \$A450.000 and allotted 450.000 shares at A51.25 each for the whole of Deremet, an Australian gold mining company with leases in New South Wales. Pyke (Holdings): No interim (same). Turnover for half year to December 31, E3.82m (24.15m). Pretax profit £42,000 (£10,000). Eps 2.22p (0.64p).

Prudential Corporation Limited

Unaudited Group Results for 1980

Life:	Premium income Surplus attributable to policyholders .Surplus attributable to shareholders	1980 £m 1020.3 372.8 29.5	1979 £m 889.0 303.7 24.2
General;	Premium income	456.0	416.7
	Underwriting result Investment income	(33.9) 33.6	(15.2) 32.5
	Taxation	(0.3) (2.8)	17.3 5.7
	Net Surplus	2.5	11.6
Profit and Loss Account:	Life General Other net income	29.5 2.5 10.5	24.2 11.6 9.8
	Profit for the year	42.5	45.6
	Dividend cost Retained profits	32.8 9.7	28.3 17.3
Earnings per	share	14.2p	15.3p
Dividend pe	r share	17.0p	9.50

Life Business

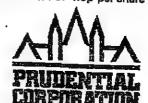
The premium income and profits from Life business increased very satisfactorily in 1980. This is reflected in the increased levels of policyholders' bonuses which have been declared

eral Insurance		Premiur	n income	Underwriting result		
		1980	1979	1980	1979	
		£m	£m	£m	£m	
	UK	173.4	137.9	(9.3)	(7.8)	
	Canada	48.5	44.3	(2.9)	1.7	
	EEC	41.6	44.1	(3.3)	(1.7)	
	Other Countries	30.2	28.8	(4.3)	(2.6)	
	Marine & Aviation	8.9	7.7	(1.7)	(0.7)	
	Specialist Reinsurance					
	(Mercantile & General)	153.4	153.9	(12.4)	(4.1)	
	•	456.0	416.7	(33.9)	(15.2)	

There was a marked deterioration in underwriting results, particularly in respect of overseas direct and reinsurance business.

At the end of 1980 the total free assets of the Group represented 60% (1979 55%) of the

The Directors have declared a final dividend of 7.0p per share payable on 28 May next. This, together with the interim dividend of 4.0p per share paid in November, amounts to 11.0p per share,



Prudential Corporation Limited, 142 Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH.

Brit Mohair down 85 pc with tough year ahead

The recession slashed profits of British Mohair Spinners by 35 per cent from £1.5m to £128,000 in 1980, and after adjusting for inflation there was a loss of £510,000. However, after adding a tax credit and a release of deferred tax, the group had attributable profits of £3.7m against £1.1m.

Earnings a share were therefore up from 8.9p to 33p but the dividend was held at 5.38p

Mr J. A. Clough, the chairman, says that 1981 looks like being another difficult year. On a brighter note he says that the parts of the group not involved in worsted spinning have traded well and show greater potential for expansion in the future.

No dividend from AC Cars

AC Cars, reporting a deficit for the second year running, is not paying an ordinary dividend for the 12 months to September 30, 1980, compared with 0.2p gross for the preceding year.

Turnover expanded from 13.65m to 14.12m, but the aftertax loss increased from 11.7.500 to 14.3.300. However, with a profit of 1892,000 from extraordinary items—compared with a profit of 129,000 last time—AC has a net surglus of 16.4000 assists a loss of of £764.000, against a loss of

Profits tumble at R Cartwright

Last year, pretax profits of R. Cartwright (Holdings), makers of door and window furniture, etc., slumped to £185,000, compared with 1979's record figure of £1.13m, Turnover slipped from £8.8m to £8.72m. Under C.C.A. there is a pretax loss for 1980 of £206,000, compared with a 1979 profit of £779,000.

The total dividend is being cut from 6.6p to 4.28p gross.

C H Pearce agrees acquisition

C. H. Pearce and Sons has agreed in principle to acquire British Shipbuilders's whollyowned subsidiary R. Harris and Sons (Builders) for £457,000 and the immediate repayment of a £750.000 loan made by British Shipbuilders to Harris. The net book value of the assets being acquired is £443,000.

Pretax profit of Harris for the year to March 31 was \$363,000 and for the 11 months to February 28 the total is not expected to be less than £360,000.

Aberdeen Land down sharply in first half

Taxable profits of City of Aberdeen Land Association slumped from £756,000 to £232,000 in the half year to December 31. However for the full year profits are expected to reach £850,000 despite the absence of last year's excep-tional property profits which help the total to reach £1.05m. The interim dividend is raised from 4.54p gross to 6.07p.

Caparo offer for CMT unconditional

Caparo's offer for Central Manufacturing and Trading group has become unconditional. its total stake is now some 50.06 per cent of the equity. Acceptances of the offer were 'eceived in respect of 18,000 hares (0.07 per cent).

Before the offer, Caparo held 68m shares (21.48 per cent) ind during offer period has icquired a further 7.53m .28.51 per cent).

Bank Base Rates

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ABN Bank	12%
Barclays	12%
BCCI	12%
Consolidated Crdts	14%
C. Hoare & Co	*12%
Lloyds Bank	12%
Midland Bank	12%
Nat Westminster	120
TSB	12%
Williams and Glyn's	12%
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Change of strategy boosts Bestobell

over the last year on the fast-growing aviation industries and on consolidating growth sectors at home and overseas has paid

A 20.3 per cent advance in pretax profits in the year to December 31 to £7.72m was made against £6.42m last time. Sales at the controls, energy engineering, aviation and conengineering, aviation and consumer products group were 12.3 per cent up at £119.1m, against £196m. The final dividend is lifted by 11.4 per cent to 10.14p gross, making a total payment of 17.5p gross. This compares with 15.7p gross in 1979.

Trading continued the improvement seen in 1979 when profits rose by a third and Bestobelt defended itself against a bid from BTR, which now holds a 23.1 per cent stake.

Bestobell's concentration last year of consolidation and wer the last year on the fasttial growth areas while improving cash flow in others facing

Mr Sandy Marshall, the chairman, said yesterday that despite the difficult economic climate the group had improved trading overall and seen a marked strengthening of the balance sheet. Gearing is down to 36 per cent from 46 per cent in 1979. The sale of Bestobell's furmer headquarters, Stoke House, released £1.8m which has gone to reduce borowings.

Overall growth had been modest, Mr Marshall said, with trading and profit margins in the United Kingdom improving in the second half with the fall in inflation. Trading profit was up 22 per cent at £9.8m. The two overseas companies, in

southern Africa and Australia, showed significant growth. A split of the profits contribution from United Kingdom and overseas activities is not yet available but is estimated at about 50-50. The total value of export sales was £12.5m, 25 per cent of United Kingdom sales.

Dr D. Denny, head of Bestobell Aviations Products, said profits from overseas and home aviation components had grown by 27 per cent over 1979. Orders have been received for the next two years and above-average growth is expected again this year. Last year the division added the Avica group to its fold.

Some 50 per cent of aviation products are exported from

The second street was the second of the

Deutsche Babcock, the West German metal products and in-dustrial equipment group, said

vesterday that net group profits fell to DM24.1m (£5.2m) in the

year to last September 30 from DM40.9m the year before Turn-over rose to DM4,980m from

Looking to this year, the group said it feared an increase in the political and economic risks of foreign business, which

accounted for 54 per cent of incoming orders last year.

Cuts in West German state
spending could also affect re-

sults, particularly in the power station sector where the out-look was uncertain because of

delays in authorizing projects.

It plans to concentrate on developing energy-saving pro-cesses, coal-fired power stations and coal gasfication, projects.

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DM4,420m.

the group said.



Eastern Produce acquisition

Eastern Produce (Holdings),

Eastern paid 21p a share Compilia Investments.

37 pc fall in profits

By Our Financial Staff Northampton-based shoe manufacturer and retailer Church & Company made 51.95m pretax last year, 37 per cent less than in 1979. High interest rates and "indifferent " tracing conditions are

The final dividend has been raised 10 per cent however, leaving the total payout 6.66 per cent higher at 11.4p gross for the year to December 31. The shares rose 7n to 165p yes-

The proug's trading profits
felt 32 per cent to \$2.73m, and
interest costs rose \$4.3 per cent
to \$6.75.000. The group's wholly
owned sub-idipty. A. Jones &
Son's suffered a \$492.000
decline to \$1.13m in its profits
before tax, but peld maintained
dividends worth \$236.000 to its
parent company.

Last year Armstrong made 18m
pretax.

Mr Harry Hooper, the chairman, said yesterday that if demand recovered by 50 per cent,
the slimmer group could be
very profitable. But the outleak for the light engineering
industry remained uncertain, he
parent company.

Church pays Armstrong Equipment more despite slumps in first half

By Catherine Gunn conting programme to reduce inventories by £20m at the rate automotive products, com- of film a month. It hopes to ponents for white goods and resume expansion programmes fastenings slasted profits at Armstrone Equipment to just \$741,000 before tax at its December 28 interim stage, Decemper 25 interim stage, against 24.4m a year earlier. The interim dividend has been halved to 0.785p gross. The shares fell 2/p to 42/p yester-

in the second half even it de-mand does not recover, thenks to a stringent programme of destocking and redundancies em-barked on earlier this year. Last year Armstrong made £8m

Eastern Produce (Holdings), the tea plantation-to-insurance broking group, has bought a chrome industrie, the metal infishing and heat treatment group.

Eastern paid 21p a share to Canada and Armstrong Canada interments.

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Eastern paid 21p a share to Canada and Armstrong that the covered. from the June year-end net and race a range of racing figure of £20.5m. Stocks stood bikes, with an eye to making at £43.7m then, and Armstrong motorbikes for the ordinary has since embarked on a stock-road user within two years.

nest year.

However, redundancies cost the group \$2.42m by the interim stage with more to come this half. Most of those came from the British work-force, though the loss-making French operation was also trimmed back. Overseas opera-tions produced \$850,000 profit in total with most of them doing well. Eur group trading profits were halved, at £3m. Aimstrong Fastenings produced 1500,000 and Cornercroft per formed "a bit worse, but still did quite well".

Though most of the groups operations have been hard his by the recession, its small acrospace side saw turnover rise to about Lim. This business will be developed over the next decade But Mr Hooper's expansional statements. Spain, where the group is doing well supplying the Ford Motor company, and in motorbikes at home, where three recent acquisitions have given Armstrong the expertise to produce

600 Group lifts stake in Pratt to 26.9pc that there was no "present in-tention" of making a bid. The 600 Group is paying 107p for 257,125 of the Gal-The 600 Group has raised its stake in F. Pratt Engineering to 26.9 per cent, including op-

to 26.9 per cent, including options to buy further shares. The shares came from family boldings of Mr Anthony Galliers-Pratt, who stepped down as Pratt's chairman in February and is now president. Earlier this month the 600 Group, which has close business links with Pratt, bought 690,000 sbores in Pratt at 1221p, giving it a 12.7 per cent holding. The seller was Mr John Bentley's Bardsey, which had made un unsuccessful market raid on Pratt and expressed interest in making a bid. After the sale making a bid. After the sale of Pratt's retail optical subsidiary for £4.5m and the sharp

changed its mind.

Pratt is strategically important to the 600 Group, as exclusive supplier of chucks for the 600 Group's centre lathes.

The 600 Group has been moving to protect this interest, although Sir Lack Wellings. though Sir Jack Wellings, the marke chairman, reiterated yesterday subsidiary,

rise in its shares, Bardsey

liers-Pratt shares and has an option to buy another 520,600 at the same price. The option, which lapses on July 31, will definitely be taken up, Sir Jack

Pratt's new chairman, Mr William Friggens, said he was not forewarned about this latest deal but he welcomed the 600 Group's shareholding. He

did not expect a full bid,
Maurice James Industries,
headed by recently appointed
Pratt director Mr Maurice Pratt director Mr Maurice James, has also been buying Pratt shares. It disclosed a 250,000 (4.6 per cent) stake bought at 108p on March 11 and 13. In February Mr James bought 115,000 shares at between 60p and 90p.

The Stock Exchange is holding a preliminary inquire into

ing a preliminary inquiry into dealings in Pratt shares in February—the period covering the market raid and sale of a

Garton cuts payout as profits continue to fall

After announcing its fourth consecutive downturn in annual profits, Garton Engineering has been forced to reduce its final payment for the first time in its

Pre-tax profits for 1980 show a fall of £738,000 to £125,000 on a fall of £738,000 to £125.000 on turnover reduced by £1.92m to £10.9m. This has cut earnings per share drastically from 23.54p to 3.22p. After paying an unchanged interim dividend of 4.5p gross the board is now recommending a final dividend of 1.42p, making a total of 5.9p against 9.5p last time.

Mr Aubrey Garton, chairman, blames the fall on an across-the-board downturn in all the

While attention has been focused on the multi-billion dollar bids galvanizing Walf

Street, Australia has been host

to some manoeuvring of ts own. A great deal of interest surrounds a small company called Northern Mining, and, as

is characteristic of the Australian mining scene, the

Northern Mining is a typical

exploration company, living on hope as much as earnings, it

has made a loss in most of the years since its foundation in 1969, although modest profits

have been earned recently. Northern has never paid a dividend, and has raised capital

by share placements, later re-warding shareholders with

Yet in recent weeks the share

price has moved up strongly

on persistent rumours of a

takeover. Yesterday the shares were fetching about SA2.80, which capitalized the company

The rumours were proved largely correct. Endeavour Re-

sources, another exploration company, in which the power-

ful and fast growing Bond Cor-poration, headed by the West-

ern Australian entrepreneur Mr Alan Bond, holds 40 per

cent, took a 10 per cent place-ment of Northern shares and

then raised its stake to just

under 20 per cent. The opera-tion cost \$A8 97m.

at SA48m (£24m).

warding shareholders with another higher-priced issue.

picture is highly complex.

subsequent fall in interest rates and sterling. Demand, he added, remained very poor and there was no significant improvement in view yet.

News of the shortfall in profits saw the that a price tumble.

group's activities caused by the severe fall off in United King-dom industrial activity and the an increase of £300,000 on the severe fall off in United Kingdom industrial activity and the
high value of the pound.

Mr Garton declined to comment on progress during the
first quarter. He said that any

News of the shortfall in profits saw the share price tumble 4p to a new low of 40p.

During this period, the group undertook a substantial rationalization programme which resulted in the closure of two small units and the loss of 450 lobs from its 1000-strong workforce. The redundancies cost around £300,000, which was taken out below the line, but has meant a return to full-time working. Short-time working began in June last year.

At present, stock levels are

Mining

Innocent stough, you might

think. But it transpired that another party was interested in Northern, the National Mutual

Life Association of Australia. This institution has a taste for the more speculative end of the

mining market-rather a con-

trast to City counterparts—and was partly responsible for re-

listing Poseidon, as well as making a bid for BH South.

sixble line of Northern shares from Mitchell Cous, the British

trading and plantations group, last October. The stake was built up to 10.5 per cent, although a couple of weeks ago it was reduced to 9.5 per cent.

The discovery of this holding prompted Mr Rees Towie, Northern's chairman, to offer the blocking placement of 10

per cent to his opposite number ar Endeavour, Mr Eric Webb. Undeterred, National Mutual is reported to have been in the

market again for Northern

So what is Northern's attraction? It is simply a modest 5 per cent stake in the Ashton

loint Venture, the developer of the Argyle diamond deposit in

shares.

National Mutual bought a

Hiram Walker note Hiram Walker Holdings is

Hiram Walker Holdings is floating a £25m, five-year note issue bearing 14 per cent annually through a Eurobond syndicate led by S. G. Warburg.
The notes, due on April 15, 1986, will be guaranteed by Walker Home Oil, a Canadian-based holding company that based bolding company that accounts for the energy and whisky operations of Hiram Walker.

Final terms, including the issue price, will be fixed March 31. The notes are not callable and will not be amortized.

P and O Australia issue

P and O Australia, 75 per cent owned by Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation of the United Kingdom, said it will make a one-for-three share issue to raise \$19.99m (£8.32m) The \$8.33m new one-dollar shares will be issued at a pre-mium of \$1.40 each and will rank for dividends paid from earnings in the current half

Conzinc Riotinto of Australia.

controlled by RTZ, which has 56.8 per cent, Ashron Mining has 24.2 per cent, AO (Aus-

tralia) 4.9 per cent, and Tanaust, part of Tanks, 9.1 per

eat. Despite scrupulously issued

quarterly reports about pro-gress at Argyle, the partners in the venture are widely and

increasingly suspected in Australia of underplaying the

deposit's potential. There has

been speculation that the ven-

ture will decide later this year to go ahead with a full mining

project. If the venture were to

choose to instal plant capable

of meeting the deposit's full potential immediately rather than building up gradually, the cost could be \$A300m.

Northern's share would be SA15m over about three years,

more than the company can currently afford. That, com-bined with the assumption of high profits from Argyle, make

But it does not mean that Mr

Northern ripe for a takeover.

Bond will be the one to acquire

Northern, It would be typica

stake just to force another bidder to offer a higher price.

National Mutual thinks the

Australia's mining entrepre-neurs have little to learn from

· Michael Prest

Mining Correspondent

Northern Mining's hidden appeal

SUMMARY OF GROUP RESULTS FOR 1980

DIVIDENDS. The Directors are recommending to the chareholders at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 8th May 1981 a final dividend of 5.5p per share payable on 15th July 1981 to shareholders on the register as at the close of business on 16th June 1931. With the Interim dividend of 5.0p per share which was paid on 15th January 1981 the total dividend for the year will be 10.5p per share (1979: 9.0p). The

RESULTS. Investment income in the shareholders' fund increased by 24 per cent to £73.8m. Pre-tax profits of Grovewood Securities were £14.4m and with the share of associated companies' results brought the total income from investments to £88.1m (1979: £73.9m). Shareholders' long term profits were £11.8m after grossing up for income tax and corporation (ax. General insurance underwriting made a loss of £32.5m (1979; £18.8m) after a transfer from catastrophe reserve of £10m. General business premium income increased by 11 per cent. Overall pre-tax profits were £65.9m against £64.3m in 1979.



			1930 £m		1979 £m
	PREMIUM INCOME		2.111		LIII
	Fire, accident and motor	422.4		376.7 -	
	Marine, aviation and transport	20.1	442.5	20.4	397.1
	Long term - annual premiums	149.6		119.4	
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	Investment income*		73.8		58.7
	Profits of Grovewood Securities		14.4		. 13.2
	Share of associated companies' results	•	(0.1)		1.0
	Shareholders' long term profits		11.8		10.5
	Underwriting loss		(32.5)		(18.8)
	Expenses not charged to other accounts		(1.5)		(1.3)
	Surplus after transfer from				- 4 -
	catastrophereserve . Taxation	٠.	65.9		64.3
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	Minority Interests		3.2		3.1
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•	appropriation		37.1		35.7
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	Less taxation	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5
			36.4		35.2
	Transfer to catastrophereserve		2.0		2.0
	Dividends		14.3		12.1
	Balance added to retained profits and res	erves	20.1		21.1
	*Afterdeducting £2.1 m in respect of	interest o	n loan notes	(1979:nil)	

GENERAL COMMENTS. 1980 has been a most difficult year for insurance and in nearly all general accounts, both in the UK and overseas, the unsatisfactory results can be accounted for by intense competition and inflation. Additionally international and overseas results have been affected by the strength of starting. Furthermore, world-wide industrial recession has restricted the premium growth necessary to cover the ever increasing costs of running the business. Intense competition in the UK has particularly affected the liability account.

INVESTMENTS. Investment income increased by 24 per cent. This most satisfactory result was assisted by the high interest rates obtainable The free reserves of the group, including capital appreciation on investments other than those of the long-term insurance funds, amounted to 85 per cent of general insurance business premium income.

GENERAL INSURANCE. Our oversitiesuit is analysed by territory in the following table which includes an estimate of that part of investment income which arises on insurance funds:-

Underwriting income less Premium Total income result expenses Total 23.7 United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland* 349.4 (25.3)** 46.8 (3.0)1.0 2.5 0.4 South Africa 0.6 1.9 3.4 0.6 (0.4)Additional provision for unexpired risks (oversess business) (0.8) (0.8)(0.1) 442.5 (32.5) 55.0 22.5 27.2 26.6 53.8 Attributable to shareholders' funds 31.5 31.5 (32.5)54.1 86.6

*including reinsurance and world-wide marine and aviation. **after transfer from catastrophe reserve.

UNITED KINGDOM. Premium income increased by 15 per cent to £297m (1979: £257m), 1980 was an exceptionally difficult year for all classes of business in the UK with an overall underwriting loss of £25,0m (1979: £16.1m). After taking investment income on the funds into account the overall profit was £13.0m (1979; £14.1m). The fire account after a number of profitable years made a small underwriting loss of £0.7m (1979: profit £2.5m). In the "all-in" account there was a much reduced underwriting loss of £4.2m (1979: £6.4m). Although the claims frequency improved in the motor account this was partially offset by the increase in the average claims cost. The underwriting loss on the account of £5.9m (1979: £10.1m) showed a considerable improvement. Premium growth in the liability account suffered particularly from extreme competition and the downturn in the economy. The low rate of growth combined with an unprecedented increase in the levels of claims cost produced a loss of £13.1 m (1979: £2.6m). A number of influences are contributing to the sharp increase in claims costs. In 1980 these have had a serious effect not only on current experience but also on claims outstanding from earlier years with the result that provisions for these claims require strengthening. We have therefore thought it prudent in the circumstances to increase these provisions by transferring f10m from the catastrophe reserve.

MARINE AND AYIATION. The 1977 account, closed at the end of 1980, produced a surplus but in view of the trend in later years it has been retained in the fund. In addition it has been considered prudent to give the fund further support by a transfer of £0.5m from profit and loss account. At the end of the year the fund amounted to £31.6m. This is 157 per cent of premium income,

OVERSEAS. There was a reduction in the overall underwriting profit to £1.0m (1979: £4.1m). In Australia there was an increased loss. Underwriting results in Belgium showed a welcome improvement. South Africa again made a profit on underwriting although much less than in previous years, In the USA our relatively small but growing account produced a satisfactory result.

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Western Australia. The domi-nant partner in Ashton is **Business appointments**

Changes at NM Rothschild

Mr Michael Richardson will become a director and head of corporate finance at N. M. Rothschild & Sons on June 1 with the title of managing director. He lass been presischild & Sons on June 1 with the title of managing director. He will retire from the partnership of Cazenove & Company on April 30. Mr John Craig will become the managing director in charge of banking division; Mr Nicolas McAndrew will become the managing director in charge of the managing division; the managing division is charge of investigation. McAndrew will become the man-aging director in charge of invest-ment division. Mr John Loudon will become the managing director in charge of overseas operations and Mr David Secker Walker will become a vice-chairman. Mr become a vice-chairman. Mr Anthony Alt, Mr Alan Dean, Mr Russell Edey, Mr Stuart McDonald. Mr Paul Myners, Mr Roger Salmon and Mr Gordon Young will join the board on April L Mr Ron Worden is the new National Westminster Bank representative in Sydney. Since 1979 he has been an assistant regional manager in the Asia and Australiais regional affice bands.

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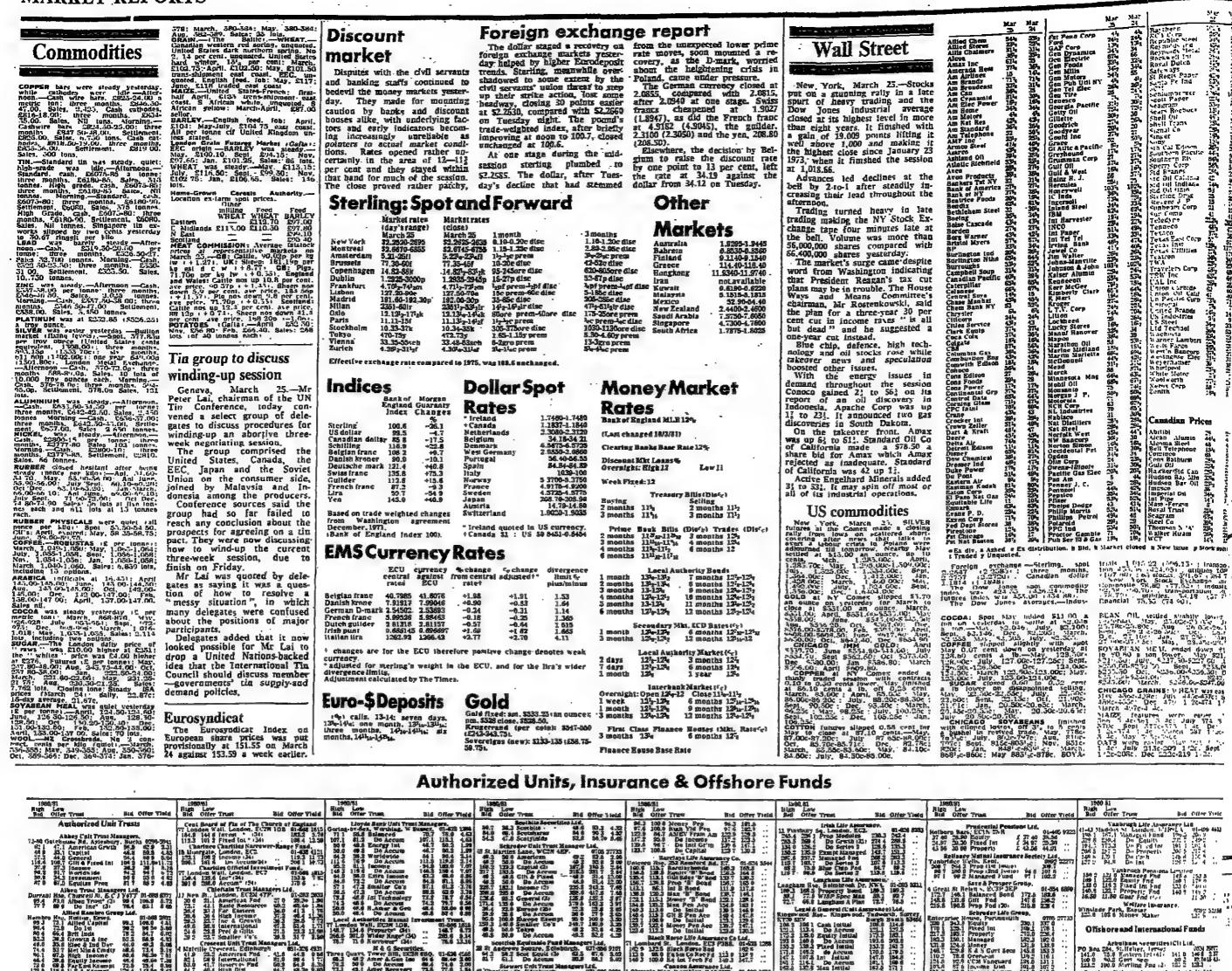
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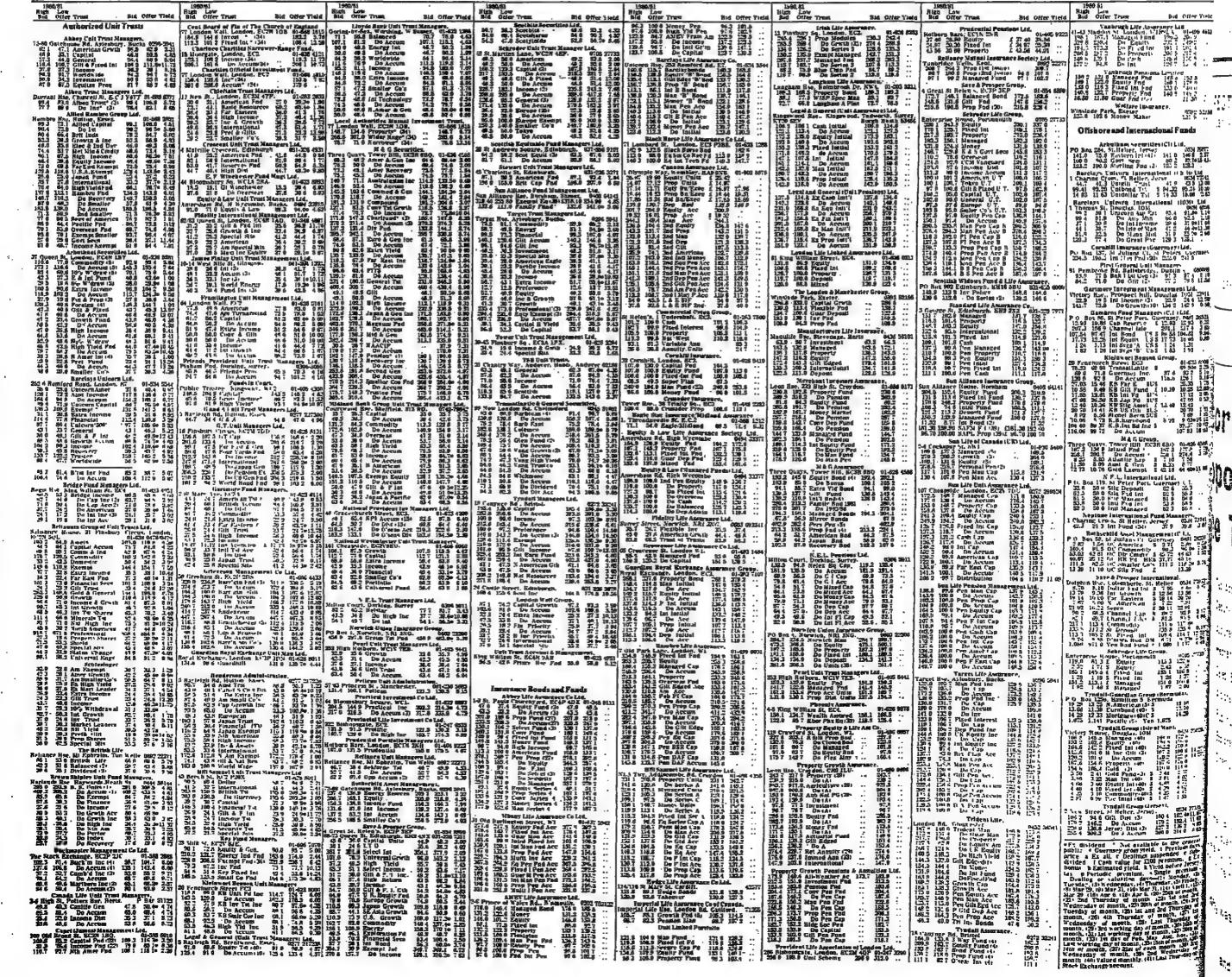
1979. Mr John Forsyth, the
managing director of LRC's European Division, who joined the
group in 1967, becomes deputy
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national. Mr G. A. Hazard is to join the board of Pentos. Mr W. T. Sanders is resigning from the board to take up an appointment abroad. Mr David H. I. Jenkins has been appointed sales director of Kwik-Fit-Euro.

Mr John Coldman has become

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• Interviewer to Billy, aged 19, victim of spinal atrophy: "What happens when you get drunk?". Billy to interviewer: "What happens to you? A stinking headache next day." This adroit Shylockian response ("If you prick us . . .") perfectly sums up the mental vigour of the three physically disabled young people whose predicaments are detailed in tonight's Man Alive (BBC 2 9.25). All three are determined to pursue as independent a line in life as their severe disabilities will allow them to. They are fortunate in being able to define independence and express ambitions. A brief sequence in an institution where the dependence on nursing is total, reminds us of the other, bleaker side of the picture.

Michael Wood, dynamic delver into the Dark Ages, last week put flesh on the forgotten bones of Athelstan. Tonight (BBC 2. 8.15) he gives substance to a man who sounds as if he might have drawn his first breath during the making of Monty Python and the Holy Grail — Eric Bloodaxe, former king of Norway, twice king in York, last ruler of an independent Northumbria. The snag about Bloodaxe is the absence of a Life that you can pick up and read. Mr Wood doesn't let little things like that worry him. No point in crying over lost chronicles. He makes his own, pasting photocopies into a scrapbook. Then, he reads from it, in a church tower that Bloodaxe himself knew. If you have a vivid imagination, you can see the vanished Viking peeping over Mr Wood's shoulder, nodding his approval. • Michael Wood, dynamic delver into the Dark Ages, last week nodding his approval.

• Week 6 of Camera: Moving Pictures (ITV, 11.00 pm), and this series about the movie pioneers has not faltered, though Gus series about the movie pioneers has not faltered, though Gus Macdonald hasn't the best parrator's voice I have ever heard. Tonight's film is about Edison, first man to market movies, build a studio, put on a public screening. He cheated superbly. For every elephant genuinely electrocuted, there was the simulated roasting of a president's assassin. For every boring shot of genuine American soldiers clowning about before tackling the Spaniards in Cuba, there was death-or-glory footage of make-believe trench warfare. Realism fertilized by illusion: it is still the movie formula, 80 years on.

• A day of almost unbroken musical delight on Radio 3: Mahler's Das Lied von der Erde, played by the Royal Liverpool Phil (11.25 am); Schumann's Fantasiestücke, Op 73 (Anton Weinberg, flute; Peter Wallfisch, piano) at 1.05; the Brahms Symphony No 1, by the BBC Northern SO (2.25); Schubert's Winterreise, with Christa Ludwig and Erik Werba (piano) at 3.25; the Saint-Saèns Introduction and Roado capriccioso (5.20); and Alfred Brendel's Schumann and Liszt recital at 8.55... The third Radio Theatre 81 production is Swan Song, by William Grant; all about a redundant steel-worker turned street busker. Alec Heggie stars. Already seen, on stage, at Perth.

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India, the brightest jewel: 9.30 Desie debut; 9.47 Say it with Figures;
10.10 Merrysgo-Round; 10.35 It's Maths: 11.30 Search. The links between Wales and Ireland; 11.35 Beside the Sea; 12.20 Closedown.
12.45 News: 1.00 Pebble Mill at One: Today's edition includes Tony Bilbou's movie feature; Film Focus; 1.45 Bod: Bod and the Park.
2.00 You and Mei Ready to Go.
2.15 For Schools, Colleges: Music Time: Lieutenant Kije (2), 2.40 Television Club: Good Fortune.
3.00 Claire Rayner's Casebook: The problem of those divorced parents who want to keep in touch with their children. Closedown at 3.25.
3.55 Play Schools: Janet Wyatt's story. The Princess Finds a Dressmaker. Also on BBC 2 at 11.60, 4.20 Winsome Witch: cartoon. Winnie the Sheriff; 4.25 Jackanory; John Grant reads Littlenose's Birthday. He also drew the pictures; 4.40 Scnoby and Scrappy Doo: 4.40 Scooby and Scrappy Door cartoon. The Hairy Scare of the Devil Bear. Devil Bear. 5.00 John Craven's Newsround. 5.05 Bine Peter: Peter Duncan takes

6.40 Open University: Skye, the field evidence. 7.05 Computing: algorithms. 7.30 Maths: Matrix Eigenvalues. Closedown at 7.55.
11.00 Play School: Janet Wyart's story The Princess Finds a Dressmaker (also on BBC 1, 3.55). The presenters are Floella Benjamin and Brian Caut. Closedown at 11.25.
5.15 Open University: Simulation modelling. 5.40 Religion in a Hindu village (2). 6.45 The media in (1848).
6.30 Guernsey: outside influences.
6.55 News: with sub-titles for the

6.55 News: with sub-titles for the hard of hearing. Also, the weather

forecast, 7.10 Bartok Centenary: Another of

these programmes celebrating the centenary of the Hungarian composer's birth. The planist David Wilder plays excerpts from the Suite Op 14, the Sonata for Two Pianos and

a bicycle ride along the 26-mile track. Written by Frank Keating, former he'll be running along in the London Sports Writer of the Year, but it is Marathon, 5.35 Fred Basset: The Tom Conti who speaks the story of the TV break (rt. Commentary, 18.55 Conti. story of the TV break (r).

S.40 News: with Jan Leeming; S.55 Regional news magazines, Nationwide, at 6.20, includes the Gravs Ruots Item, presented by Gillian Miles from Spotlight South West.

S.55 Tomorrow's World: Includes an item on the use of electronic tethnology in the printing of colour pages in newspapers and magazines and the calculator that can work out the day on which Easter falls — no matter how many years ahead.

7.20 Top of the Pops: All the latest

7.20 Top of the Pope: All the latest hits, performed on film and in the studio. With Richard Skinner and Legs & Co.
8.00 Hi-Di-Hi: Holiday camp comment of the studio series. 8.00 Hi-Di-Hi: Holiday camp comedy series. It is ordained that all members on the staff shall smile on Thursdays, But then the campers are brought into the crazy scheme. 8.30 Sorry! Comedy series about a mother-pecked hachelor (Romine Corbent). Tonight, he bribes the local dustmen; little realizing how useful they can be to him. 9.30 News with Richard Baker, 9.25 Lester: The private face of Lester Piggont, who has marked up 23 classic wins, including eight Derby victories, and has been Champion Jockey ning times,

Percussion (with Alian Schiller, James Holland and Janas Keszei) and the Third Piano Concerto. The London Philharmonic Orchestra is conducted by Bryden Thomson (r). More Bartok music at 11.15 on BBC 2— the String Quartet. No 4, played by the Tokyo String Quartet.

8.15 In Search of . . . Eric Bloodaxe: Another of Michael Wood's histori-cal excavations into the Dark Ages. Former king of Norway, twice king in York and the last ruler of an independent Northumbria, Bloodaxe died in 954. (See Personal Choice.)

9.00 The Little World of Don Camillot Penultimate episode in this much-improved series of adaptations from the books of Giovanni

from the books of theyanning priest and communist mayor in a northern Italian town. Tonight Christmas time, and we learn why Peppone, the mayor, replaced the Christmas sur

Sports writer of the Year, but it is Tom Conti who speaks the commentary.

10.15 Question Time: An audience puts questions to a team which includes Dick Taverne. (a recruit to Social Democrat ranks), Gerald Kaulman, Labour's spokesman on the environment; and Nicky Harrison, Labour councillor and chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities education committee. The chairman, as ever, is Robin Day.

11.20 Kojak: A sniper eliminates the hoss of a mild-mannered accountant, whereupon his personality undergoes a radical change. With Telly Savalas in the title role.

12.10 Weather forecast.

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on top of the church with the hammer and sickle. With Mario Adorf as Don Camillo, Brian Blessed Adorf as Don Camillo, Brian Blessed as the mayor.

9.25 Man Alive: Very Independent People. The story of three severely disabled youngsters who have decided to make their own way in the world, despite heavy social odds. Two are spastics and the third is a victim of spinal atrophy. (See Personal Choice), 10.26 Cartoons learns.

learus. 10.30 Newsnight: Bulletins and in-depth treatment of the main stories

depth treatment of the main stories of the day.

II.15 Bartok Centenary: The Tokyo String Quartet No 4, written in 1928. The performance is introduced by Yehudi Menuhin. Tomorrow night's Bartok work is the String Quartet Number 5, and it will be played by the Lindsay String Quartet.

11.5Q Closedown.

Thames

BBC 2

9.30 For Schools: Harmful bacteria and viruses, 9.52 Circus world. 10.09 Wortley out of Work. 10.31 A-level evolution course. 10.53 A-level biology. 11.10 Magic and mystery in science. 11.27 Amsterdam canal trip. 11.44 Cartoon opera. The Bricklayers Built a Crooked Chimney. 12.00 Gideon: Two stories about a duckling, with Time Brooke-Taylor supplying the voices. 12.10 Stepping Stones: Things than turn and spin. For the very young. 12.30 The Sullivans: Second World War serial about some Australians. about some Australians.

1.00 News from FTN: 1.20 Thames news: 1.30 Together: Serial about life in a block of flats. LIVE IS A BIOCK OF HAIS.

2.00 After Noon Plus: A double-decker edition: an interview with Sir Harold Wilson, and a chat with David Puttnam, the film producer, whose new film Chariots of Fire gets a Royal Film Performance launching next Monday night. next Monday night.

2.25 Mid-Week Racing: the Flat
racing season has started, and we
see the following races from
Doncaster: the 2.35 Northern
Handicap, the 3.05 Yorkshire Bottle

Handicap, and the 3.35 Doncaster Mile.
3.45 Leave is to Chartie: Comedy about an insurance agent (David Roper) who is always in trouble (r).
4.15 Watch It! A story about Dr Sauggles, the inventor. 4.20 Little House on the Prairie. Home-spur American series. Today Albert (Matthew Laborteaux) and his pennal

S.15 Emmerdale Farm: More about Pat Merrick and the marriage that went wrong. A story of countryfolk.
5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news. 6.25 Help! All about London's newest counselling service. "Just Ask". 6.35 Battlestar Galactica: Fred Astaire plays an old con-man who gets the protection of Starbuck (Dirk Benedict) when his life is threstened by the horrible Borel-

7.30 Bognor: Let Sleeping Dogs Die. Episade two of this thriller about smuggled dogs and the evil men who my and get round the and-rabies regulations. With David Horrovich as the Department of Trade investigator. investigator. 8.00 The incredible Mr Tanner: Comedy series about two street entertainers (Brian Murphy and Roy Kinnear). Homeless, they are offered accommodation in exchange for an antique watch. Last episode. 8.30 TV Eye: The launching of the Social Democratic Party. Interviews with supporters and critics.

9.00 Bill Street Blues: American series about the police at work. Daniel K Travanti plays the head of the precinct force

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10.00 News from ITN.

10.30 Thames Report: The serious impact that Soho's 160 sex shops, clubs and cheemas are having on the local residents.

11.00 Camera: Moving Pictures, the story of Thomas Edison, the great American inventor, who gave the world its first film studio, and the peepshow machine that showed moving pictures. (See Personal Choice!

11.36 Three's Company Recognition.

RADIO

6.10 Farming.
6.30 Today.
8.35 Yesterday in Parliament.
9.00 News.
9.05 The Song is ended: biography of

Radio 3

5.53 am weather.
 7.00 News.
 7.05 Records: Mendelssohn, Grainger, Lars-Erik Larsson, Grainger arr. Kreisler, Nielsen, Purcell, Scarlatti, Telemano, Britten. † (8.00-

10.35 Piano: Bach, Mozart and Schumann.†
11.25 Concert: Frankel and Mahler.†
1.00 pm News.
1.05 Clarinet and piano: Schumann,
Brahms, Reger.†
2.00 Harpsichord; Bach.†
2.25 BBC Northern Symphony
Orchestra: Siegfried Matthus,

4.45 Story; The Householder (9). 5.00 PM. 8.55 Alfred Brendel (piano): Schumann and Liszt.;
9.55 Words.
10.00 Patterson (comedy).;
10.30 Manne Volcare Mandel 7.20 Time for Verse. 7.30 Bournemouth Sinfonietta live from Winter Garden, Bournemouth:

10.00 News. 11.00 A Book At Bedtime: Anna of the Five Towns 191. 11.15 Financial World Tonight. 11.20 Today in Parliament. 12.00 News, 12.15-12.23 am Weather,

VHF 9.05 am Schools: A Service for 9.03 am Schools: A Service for Schools: Music Interlude: Sounds, Words and Movement: Music Interlude: Stories and Rhymes.
10.30-10.45 Listen with Mother.
11.00-12.00 Schools: Time and Tune 118); Man; Home or Away,
2.00-3.00 pm Schools: Living Language: Look; Living Through History.

Radio 4

6.00 am News.

Layton and Johnstone. 9.30 The Living World.

10.00 News.
10.02 Enterprise.
10.30 Daily Service.
10.45 Story:
11.00 News.
11.05 File on 4.
11.50 Laquire Within.
12.00 News.
12.02 pm You and Yours.

2.27 Brain of Britain

2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.00 News.
3.02 Play: 'Fren' by Ken Blakeson.
4.00 Fritz Spiegel's Musical Alphabet.
4.15 Bookshelf.
4.45 Spiegel Musical Alphabet.

1.00 News. 1.40 The Archers.

5.00 PM. 6.00 News. 6.30 Any Answers? 6.55 It's a Bargain. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers.

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11.00 Study On 4: Voci Dall: Italia 11.30-12.10 am Open University: No

6.55 am Weather.

8.05 News.)
9.05 News.
9.05 Week's Composer: Bartok.†
10.00 Choral Music: Barber and Copland.† 10.35 Piano: Bach, Mozart and

Brahms.
3.25 Winterreise, song-cycle by Schubert.
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure.†
7.30 Talking about Music.†
7.30 Play: Swan Song, by William Grant, (See Personal Choice).
5.55 Alford Paradal (Scient Column)

10.30 Men's Voices: Mendelssohn, Finzi, Delius, arr. Holst.† 11.00 News. 11.05-11.15 Prokofiev: Romeo and Juliet parting.

5.55 am-6.55 Open University: The Sass am-0.33 Open University: The Parents' Centre; Poverty and Crime; Social Class. 11.15 pm-12.55 am Open University: The Acceptance of Continental Drift; Control of Education; Inter-national Biology Programme; Rus-sell's Logical Atomism; Matrix Methods.

Radio 2 5.00 wm Bob Kilbey.† 7.30 Terry Wogan,† 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00 David Hamilton.T 12.00 David Hamilton.; 2.00 pm Ed Stewart. 4.00 Much More Music.; 6.00 Steve Jones.; 8.00 Country Club.; 9.00 Alan Dell.; 10.00 The News Huddlines. 10.30 Star Sound Extra. 11.00 Brian Matthon. 11.00 Brian Matthew. 2.00 am-5.00 You and the Night and the Music.!

Radio 1

5.00 am As Radio 2. 7.00 Mike Read, 9.00 Simon Bares. 11.00 Andy Pechles. 12.30 pm Newsbeat. 12.45 Paul Burnett. 2.30 Dave Lee Travis. 4.30 Peter Powell. 7.60 Wheels. 8.00 Richard Skinner. 10.00-12.00 John Read. WHF RADIOS 1 and 2. 5.00 With Radio 2. 10.00 pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 am With Radio 2.

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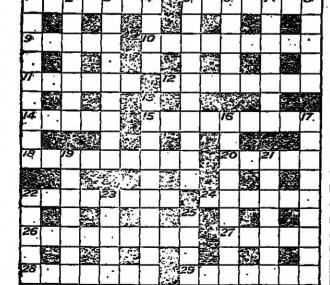
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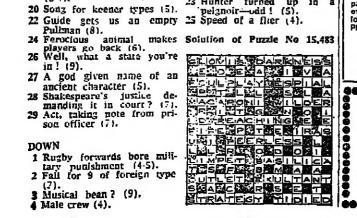
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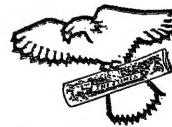
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